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Goering's Bomber Squadrons Get It In The Neck ONE OF THE R.A.F.'S GREATEST DAYS



MR. CHURCHILL HANDLES A TOMMY GUN—The Prime Minister paid a visit to the North East of England to inspect coastal fortifications, defence works, etc. Photo shows: Mr. Winston Churchill takes a Tommy Gun and tries it out. (Fox, Copyright).

Nearly 200 Raiders Downed In One Day

YESTERDAY'S GREAT AIR BATTLE WAS THE MOST COSTLY DAY FOR THE GERMAN AIR FORCE FOR NEARLY A MONTH, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE. DURING THE DAY BETWEEN 350 AND 400 ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE LAUNCHED IN TWO WAVES AGAINST LONDON AND SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND; BY 8 P.M. IT WAS KNOWN THAT 165 OF THESE HAD BEEN DOWNED BY FIGHTERS AND FOUR BY A.A. GUNS.

The majority of those that escaped were chivvied and harried at all stages of their journey, and at 9 o'clock last night the total bagged had been increased to 175 known successes.

A wave of enemy aircraft came in the morning at about 11.30, when about 200 bombers and fighters began to cross the coast, streaming in above the cliffs between Dover and Dungeness in eight or ten different groups.

The second attack began about 1.15 p.m. when about ten groups of bombers and fighters totalling 150 to 200 crossed the same stretch of coast.

Later in the afternoon two smaller attacks were made on the Portland and Southampton areas.

In every case fighter patrols were ready to meet the enemy. The two main attacks on the London area, received such a gruelling as never before.

Veterans In Action

Spitfire and Hurricane squadrons, many of them veterans in the defence of London, fought them over the Kent coast as they came in, fought them over Maidstone and Canterbury, above the (Continued On Page 16)

FRENCH SQUADRON AT DAKAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Passing through the Straits of Gibraltar a French naval squadron of five ships arrived at Dakar yesterday.

The units are the 8,000-ton cruisers Georges Leygues, Montcalm and Gloire, and the destroyers Malin and Fantasque. All came from Toulon. — Havas.

MEAT RATIONED IN NETHERLANDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Meat is being rationed throughout the Netherlands as from today. Each consumer will be allowed 1.1 lb. a week. The Nazi authorities have also set prices to prevent meat profiteering. — Havas.

LEON BLUM JOINS THE OTHERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was officially announced in Vichy yesterday that Leon Blum, former Premier and leader of the Socialist Party, is "administratively interned" at Chazeron Castle.

M. Daladier, M. Reynaud and General Gamelin are already under surveillance in the same chateau. — Havas.

5,000 DEAD IN FUKIEN CHOLERA

ABOUT 5,000 PEOPLE HAVE PERISHED AS A RESULT OF AN EPIDEMIC OF CHOLERA WHICH IS NOW RAGING IN A NUMBER OF COUNTIES ALONG THE FUKIEN COAST.

The deadly disease, which broke out about a month ago, has spread to Foochow, Changlo, Fulsing, Putien and other areas. Owing to rigorous quarantine services instituted along the communication

R.A.F. BAG 175 HUNS IN A DAY

It was learned in London last night that up to 9 p.m., 175 enemy planes had been destroyed over Britain by our fighters and anti-aircraft guns yesterday.

This is the largest number brought down in one single day's fighting. — Reuter.

Thirty British machines were lost but 10 pilots are safe, says British Wireless.

lines, it has been prevented from further spreading into the hinterland.

The provincial health administration is making feverish efforts to combat the disease. It has distributed 7,000 tubes of serum to various hsien. — Central News.

"MAYOR OF HONG KONG" KILLED

Deported from Hong Kong to Macao, Lam Chung-yuen was shot dead in the streets of Macao yesterday.

Lam, for whose arrest a warrant was issued by the Chungking Government some months ago, was accompanied by several other men, one of whom was seriously wounded.

Lam was hit by three bullets and died on the spot, the attacker escaping.

Lam while in Hong Kong was responsible for setting up a number of underground organisations which were raided one after the other by the Hong Kong Police.

He styled himself "Mayor of Hong Kong." — Our Own Correspondent.

Two men have been arrested by the Macao Police in connection with the assassination. — Our Own Correspondent.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South and north-east winds, moderate; fair generally.

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R.A.F. STRAFES THE CHANNEL PORTS CONCENTRATION

STRONG FORCES OF R.A.F. BOMBERS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY, MADE HEAVY AND SUSTAINED ATTACKS ON SATURDAY NIGHT ON SHIPPING AND BARGE CONCENTRATIONS, MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND STORES ASSEMBLED IN THE CHANNEL PORTS, AS WELL AS ON DISTRIBUTION CENTRES AND LINES OF COMMUNICATION USED BY THE ENEMY FOR THE MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES.

FRENCH CONVOY RUNS INTO MINEFIELD

A convoy of ten French merchant ships with demobilised soldiers on board ran into a minefield in the Mediterranean en route to Marseilles from North Africa, the official German news agency stated yesterday in a despatch from Geneva. It was announced from Vichy, added the agency, that two ships were sunk although most of the crew and soldiers were rescued. —Reuter.

The ports of Antwerp, Ostend, Flushing, Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne were heavily bombed, supply depots at Osnabruck, Mannheim, Aachen, Hamm, Krefeld and Brussels were attacked and raids made on rail communications at Rhine, Ahaus, Sundern, Herten and Westhofen.

Our pilots and crews pressed home their attacks in spite of severe weather conditions and heavy opposition from the ground defence.

Much damage was done, particularly to the docks at Antwerp. Gun emplacements at Cape Gris Nez and several enemy aerodromes were also bombed; one of our aircraft is missing.

Large forces of British bombers ranged on Saturday night over Germany, France, Belgium and Holland, systematically seeking out and breaking up the German High Command's invasion machines, states the Air Ministry News Service.

The aircraft flew through appalling weather, being struck by lightning while radio aerials were burned off in violent elec-

tric storms and many planes were iced up.

Dagger Blunted

Despite this they struck heavily at the "front line" of the invasion in Channel ports of Holland, France and Belgium and attacked bases at railway junctions and transport centres in Germany whence comes its reserves and supplies.

One of the night's most devastating onslaughts was made on Antwerp, which an earlier report said would be used to invade England and described as "the dagger pointed at the heart of England."

Havoc Caused

Havoc was caused in the vast network of docks, warehouses and petrol sheds on the banks of the Scheldt and shipping lying in midstream, as large forces of bombers dropped nearly 40 tons of high explosive bombs and over 1,000 incendiary bombs in an attack which lasted from 11 p.m. until 12.30 a.m. G.M.T. yesterday.

The general report of the raids states "every sortie have reported hits in docks areas. Both the eastern and western basins have been repeatedly bombed from all directions. The warehouse, which from the violence of the explosion must have contained explosives, was wrecked."

Poles Bomb Boulogne

Hugh fires were caused everywhere and oil set alight; and there were other explosions. Coal and ore docks were hit and much debris spouted skywards.

Members of some of the newly-formed Polish bombing squadrons took part in a successful attack on Boulogne.

Icy clouds, constant haze, pounding anti-aircraft batteries, and glare searchlights failed to prevent the raiders from identifying various parts of the harbour, finding their targets, and bombing them successfully.

Port shipping, long-range guns, anti-aircraft batteries and searchlight concentrations at and around Calais were all bombed heavily from 5.30 p.m. until nearly 10 p.m.

Barges in one dock suffered particularly severe damage. One pilot estimated that there were 300 barges.

Guided By Fire

Blaze of the fires, seen 20 miles out to sea, guided some of the raiders who attacked Dunkirk.

In face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, salvo after salvo of high explosives went home on docks.

Large numbers of barges were found in the Ostend Harbour where defences have been considerably strengthened during the past week. Many of them were in the outer harbour. —Reuter.



A.R.P. RAILWAY VANS. To provide cleansing and decontamination facilities at a large number of widely scattered places for railway staff affected by gas, the L.N.E.R. have constructed thirty mobile units from old passenger coaches and brake vans. Photo shows: Helping the engine driver out of his cab during a mock air raid. Members of the mobile unit at work. (Copyright, Fox).

HOTEL BOY ROBBED

Sentence of one year's hard labour was imposed on Mak Ying, 28, unemployed, by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Central Magistracy this morning for the theft of a wallet containing \$9 from Che Chun, Hong Kong Hotel "boy," in Queen's Road Central yesterday.

Detective Sergeant J. R. Sykes told the Court that complainant was walking near Ladder Street when he felt someone touch his hip pocket. He caught hold of defendant and another Chinese. He saw his wallet on the ground. The other man ran away, and defendant also broke loose, but was caught after a long chase.

Defendant who had eight previous convictions, was ordered to be placed under Police Supervision for two years.

BOMBER CHIEF'S PRAISE

The Commander-in-Chief, Bomber Command, Air Marshal Sir C.F.A. Portal, yesterday sent the following message to the O.C. of the Bomber station where Polish squadrons are based which took part in Saturday night's raid on Boulogne: "Hearty congratulations to your Polish crews on the successful completion of their first operation last night." —British Wireless.

CANADA CALLS UP YOUNGSTERS

The Governor-General of Canada yesterday issued a proclamation in Ottawa directing all able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 24 to register for medical examination.

Those found physically fit will be required to undergo military training for 30 days. —Reuter.

DECREE FOR WIFE OF DOCTOR

A decree nisi, with costs, was granted in the Divorce Court to Mrs. Hannah Elizabeth Wenyon, of Vallance Road, Alexandra Park, N., who charged her husband, Dr. Charles Morley Wenyon, with desertion.

The suit was undefended. They were married in 1900, and the case for Mrs. Wenyon was that in September 1923 her husband left the house. He had never returned to make a home with her.

ESCAPE IN OLD 'PLANE

During the evacuation of Jersey a squadron of R.A.F. fighters occupied Jersey airport. One afternoon, out of a cloudy sky, appeared one of the oldest type of French monoplanes. It performed very unsteadily a manoeuvre intended to be what the text-books call "an approach to an aerodrome with a view to landing," and the actual "touch-down" shocked the professional onlookers.

They moved forward curiously to discover who the visitor was and found a middle-aged Frenchman, whose hands shook and whose face was wet with the perspiration of a severe ordeal. His story was this. When France began to falter under the German onslaught the squadron of which he was adjutant heard a rumour that the bulk of the French Armee de l'Air was going to Morocco. All except the adjutant decided to give in. He had not flown an aeroplane since the last War, but he took up this ancient machine and headed west. His idea was to find the Atlantic and alight on the water beside the first ship he saw—"for," he assured himself, "it is bound to be British."

Visibility grew worse, and he found himself over Jersey and thankfully came down. The squadron welcomed him gladly and eventually saw him off on one of the evacuation ships bound for England.

OFFER US 100 AMBULANCES

Another 100 ambulances have been offered by the American Red Cross to the British Red Cross. In addition, a cablegram received in London states:—

"Have ordered fifty ambulances built according to your specifications. Almost no limit to number we can supply. Do not hesitate to ask for all you want. Will cable you 300 dollars with each ambulance for maintenance."

The British War Relief Society in America are sending ten mobile diagnostic X-ray units.

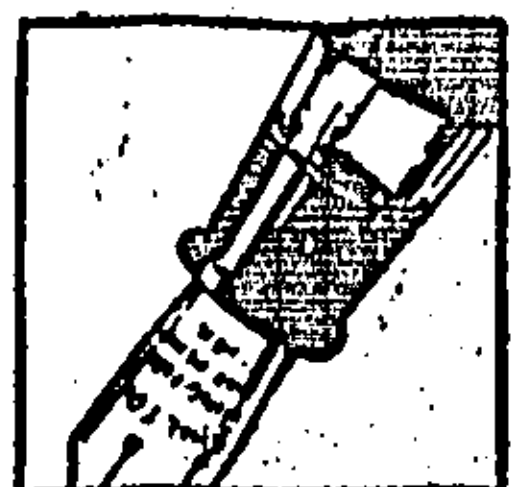
HILLWOOD ROAD THEFT

Miss V. E. Remedios of No. 24, Hillwood Road, has reported that \$70 in Hong Kong currency was stolen from a drawer in her residence between September 5 and 14.

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Bombers Make Off At High Speed

AT LEAST 50 ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN IN A RAID ON LONDON YESTERDAY MORNING, SAYS A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE AIR MINISTRY AND THE MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY.

The raiders, which consisted of a large number of bombers and fighters, crossed the coast near Dover in two waves; they were promptly met by strong formations of our fighters and an air battle ensued.

In the course of the battle two small enemy formations succeeded in penetrating to the London area; bombs were dropped and among enemy objectives Buckingham Palace was again hit. The Queen's apartments were damaged by a bomb which did not explode.

Elsewhere in the London area houses were hit; some fires broke out and damage was done to gas and water mains. From preliminary reports it is clear the number of casualties was small.

A.A. Guns' Success

About 400 German planes were believed to have crossed the east coast heading for London. Thirty-six enemy planes flew in formations of six over south-east England and were immediately engaged by our anti-aircraft guns.

The first two squadrons broke up and one of the planes dived to the ground. Two parachutes floated gently down after the crew had baled out.

Two planes from another squadron, surrounded by bursting shells, were also seen to fall to earth evidently as a result of A.A. fire.

Shuddering Roar

For the fifth time London's heavy barrage scattered raiders who appeared over the inner area last night.

Very soon after the fourth warning of the day the gunfire grew in volume and as planes approached Central London the noise grew to a shuddering roar.

At the beginning of the raid the planes appeared to come in from one direction only; they did not stop to circle the capital but cut straight across.

When they met the barrage the noise of their engines as they climbed could be heard and they made off at very high speed.

Shrapnel Like Hail

The raiders were over central districts in London and some bombs were dropped. So intense was the barrage that motor traffic in the London area was affected.

A Press Association reporter who drove from Barking to the City said that the shrapnel came down almost like rain and his car was hit. — Reuter.

MACAO BAN ON PETROL EXPORTS

THE MACAO GOVERNMENT HAS ENFORCED A BAN ON THE EXPORT OF PETROL FROM THE PORTUGUESE COLONY, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO-DAY.

The order prohibits the export of petrol without a special permit, and comes into force as from to-day.

The supply of petrol to ships passing through the Colony is also prohibited unless authorised in writing from the authorities. — Our Own Correspondent.

RED ARMY GOES TO THE THEATRE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The central Red Army Theatre, housed in one of the most distinctively modern buildings in Moscow, was inaugurated yesterday. First dramatic production was "Suvoroff with the Armies." Suvoroff was the Russian general who fought Napoleon. — Havas.



WAR MINISTER AND SONS IN THE PARK—Mr. Anthony Eden, the War Minister, was accompanied by his two sons, Nicholas and Simon, in a walk through the Park recently when he was on his way to the War Office. Photo shows Mr. Eden photographed with his two sons, Nicholas and Simon (tallest) in the Park. (Copyright, Fox).

THE PALACE AGAIN BOMBED: NAZI DOWN AT VICTORIA

MORE BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON BUCKINGHAM PALACE YESTERDAY, BUT THE NAZI RAIDER HAD ONLY FLOWN ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILE FURTHER BEFORE IT WAS SHOT DOWN IN FRONT OF VICTORIA STATION.

This was but one of several Nazi raiders brought down while Londoners cheered themselves hoarse.

An observer who rushed out in and as he got near the "pub" he heard a perfect babel of sound. He went in and found everyone talking at the top of their voices. These people have been through a good deal, and the great new anti-aircraft barrage has already given them new heart. But that broken wing of the Dornier in the street outside did more for them than anything else in the world could do.

Broke Up In Pieces

It did not live to see what damage was done.

A Spitfire came roaring down. There were a few bursts of machine-gun fire, and then a great explosion in the air as the German raider broke up into pieces.

So far as the observer could see, only one man baled out, but his parachute was already badly damaged by the explosion. The rest of the crew were presumably dead.

The observer says he has often seen German planes crash, but this is the first time he has seen one break up completely in the air. Pieces of the plane flew all over the place.

Excitement In Pub

The engine and most of the fuselage fell in front of Victoria Station, a quarter of a mile away from the Palace.

One wing fell in the street by a public house half a mile away.

He went down to have a look

No Casualties

Two heavy bombs and a number of small incendiaries were aimed on the Palace; there were no casualties.

Two bombs fell during the first warning, one on the Palace buildings and one on the lawn. Neither exploded.

A number of small incendiary bombs fell at the same time in the Palace grounds and some of them started small fires on the grass. These were quickly got under control by the Palace A.R.P. staff and police.

The King and Queen were not in residence at the time and only a skeleton staff of servants and others was in the Palace. They were all in basement shelters and there were no casualties.

The bomb which struck the Palace crashed through the tapestry room, which is used by the Queen as a drawing-room on the first floor. It tore a hole in the ceiling. — Reuter.

BOARDED WRONG SHIP

"I was drunk and boarded the wrong ship," said a young woman, Chu-Sau-chun, when she was charged with breach of the Deportation Ordinance before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Central Magistracy this morning.

It was alleged the woman was banished from the Colony for a period of 10 years on April 9, this year.

Defendant was arrested on board the s.s. Chung Shan when she tried to commit suicide by jumping overboard but was stopped by folk on board.

Defendant stated she intended to go to Kong Mun but boarded the wrong ship while she was drunk.

Defendant was fined \$50, and was remanded for 48 hours to enable her to raise the money.

NEARLY GOT AWAY

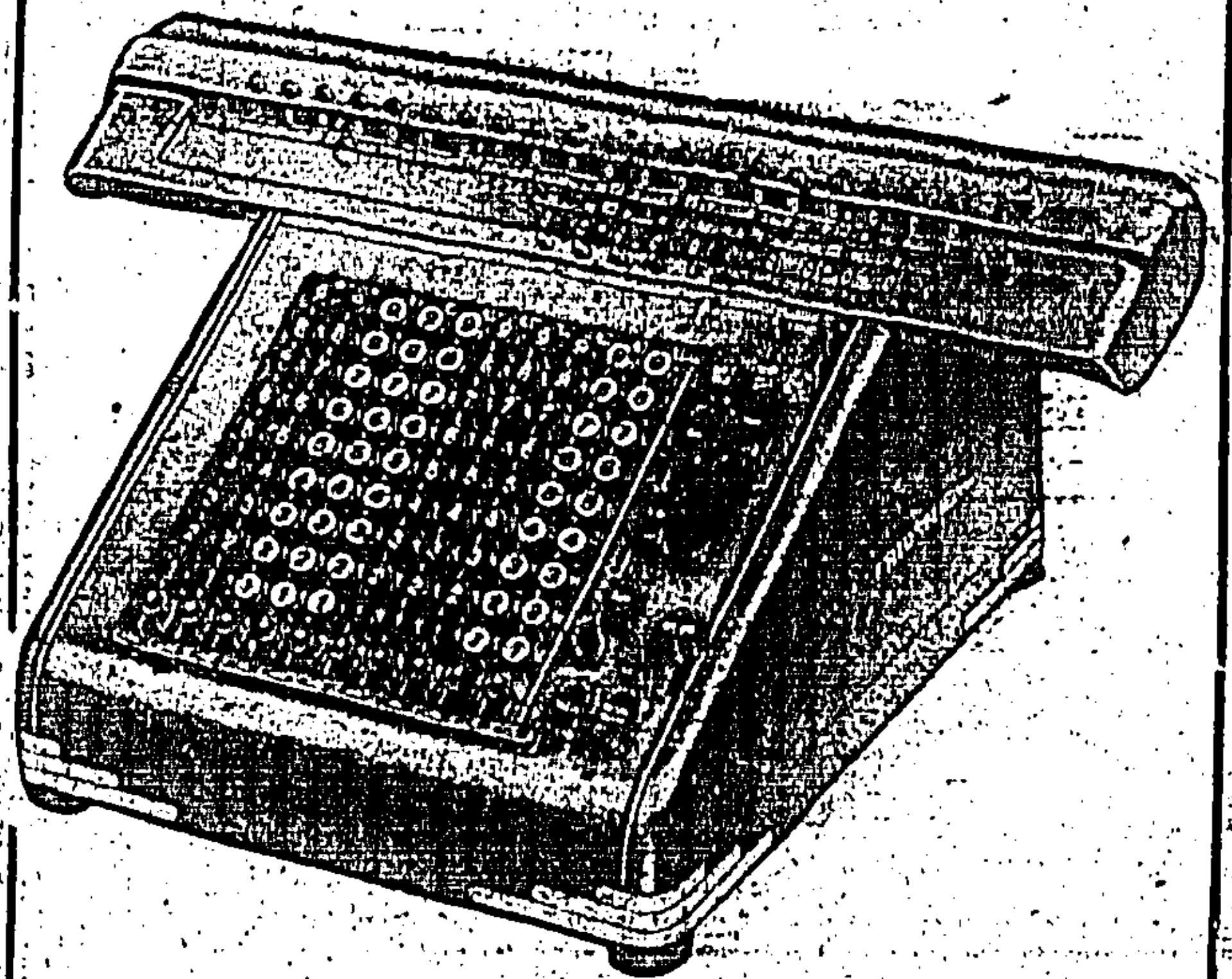
Charged with larceny of jewellery and money to a total value of \$505 from her mistress, Chan Lai-fon, 42, of No. 24, Fuk Wing Street, last Friday, Li Kwai-fong, 21, spinster, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

She was left alone to look after the flat by her mistress, who left home with her daughter at 7 p.m. The mistress returned two hours later and discovered the jewellery box was missing and that accused had left.

At 9 a.m., yesterday, accused was seen to board a Macao steamship and was arrested. All the jewellery and money were recovered.

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Congress Refuses To Cooperate

The CONGRESS working committee in Bombay yesterday adopted a resolution withdrawing the conditional offer of the All-India National Congress to cooperate with Britain in the prosecution of the war.

Mr. Gandhi, who disagreed with the Congress offer, is invited to resume his leadership of the party with power to "guide in any action that should be taken."

The resolution, which will now be ratified by the All-India Congress Committee, condemns the action of the British Government in bringing India into the war without previous consultation.

The Viceroy's proposals of August 8 are rejected.

At the same time the resolution expresses admiration for the British people in the face of peril, disclaims any desire to embarrass them and promises to restrict the Congress passive resistance policy to the minimum required "for the preservation of liberty."

Support for "world disarmament" is promised.

Mr. Gandhi's Assurance

Mr. Gandhi, addressing the Congress Committee later, gave an assurance there would be no mass civil disobedience, but added he could not tell them what he would do.

"I am searching for something but if I am unable to find a way I shall come before you and admit my failure."

Mr. Gandhi said he would again seek an interview with the Viceroy to explain the position to the latter and if no agreement were reached on the constitutional position he would ask for freedom to carry on a strictly non-violent campaign against India's participation in the war. — Reuter.

NAZI HAND IN U.S. EXPLOSION

AS A SEQUEL TO THE EXPLOSION AT THE HERCULES POWDER FACTORY, 18 LOCAL SHERIFFS IN KENVIL, NEW JERSEY, YESTERDAY SWOOPED DOWN ON A CAMP RUN BY THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND NEAR ANDOVER IN NEW JERSEY AND SEIZED SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE AND A RIFLE WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHTS.

Afterwards a local sheriff went to the Hercules factory to check names on the firm's payroll with a list of persons believed to frequent the camp. — Reuter.



WOMEN DRIVERS WILL SERVE IN KENYA—26 women drivers of the Mechanised Transport Corps were inspected recently at their London headquarters by the High Commissioner for South Africa, Mr. S. Waterson. Shortly, under the leadership of Miss Marjorie Juta, the South African writer and sportswoman, they are to sail for South Africa on their way to Kenya, where they are to drive ambulances for the British forces in East Africa. Photo shows: Mr. S. Waterson inspecting the ambulance unit. (Copyright, Fox).

SWISS CASE IN A NUTSHELL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
"The destiny of Switzerland depends largely on our wisdom," Federal Councillor Celio declared in Berne yesterday.

He added: "Let us understand that neither our sympathies nor our antipathies can in any way alter the course of European events although they may change to our detriment the course of our national existence."

"We must remember that all our neighbouring States — Germany, Italy and France — have voluntarily respected our independence and neutrality when the case of other neutrals was much different."

"Our neutrality is one of the justifications for our existence as an independent State in the European concert of nations." — Havas.

AMERICANS GIVE HELP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
It was stated in Clermont-Ferrand yesterday that 50 Americans will shortly leave for occupied France driving ambulances laden with medicines and surgical equipment for prisoners of war. Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute and Col. Lindbergh's collaborator in the artificial human heart, has cabled to the United States for more medical supplies. — Havas.

STOLE CIGARS FROM HOLD

Pleading guilty to stealing 26 cigars from the hold of the s.s. President Taft yesterday, Yeung Kam, 42, odd job coolie, was fined \$10 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

He was seen leaving the hold with the box of cigars by the Chief Officer, Mr. E. C. Larsen, who chased and arrested him.

MANOEUVRES NEAR PEIPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The second regiment of the North China Peace Preservation Corps held trench mortar and machine-gun exercises at Lishui-chiao and Taipingchuang, near Peiping, yesterday. The manoeuvres lasted the whole day. — Havas.

\$5,000,000 FOR PLANES

The Minister of Aircraft Production, Lord Beaverbrook, announced yesterday with gratitude that gifts from the public in Britain and overseas for the purchase of aircraft have reached a total of £5,047,000. — Reuter.

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MUTT AND JEFF

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MENACE TO ST. PAUL'S REMOVED

For the first time in very many years no service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday, as the structure was still under the menace of the time bomb which fell in the grounds on Wednesday.

While hope grew that the missile might prove a dud no risks were taken. Nearby residents remained evacuated and every way leading to the Cathedral was barricaded.

Instead of the usual worshippers yesterday morning there were only steel-helmeted members of the bomb disposal squad strolling near the railings.

Later in the day experts safely removed the bomb.—Reuter.

After the bomb had been removed traffic was allowed through the area for the first time for several days, and it was expected that business premises which had been closed would be allowed to reopen today.—Reuter.

ITALIAN 'PLANE DOWNED

A communique issued in Cairo yesterday reported that another Italian raider was brought down by anti-aircraft fire over Mersa-Matruh yesterday.—Reuter.

LUFTWAFFE BEGINS TO FEEL STRAIN

BOTH IN THE PRESS and among the general public the latest phase in the Battle for Britain — the savage attack on the people of London — is the subject of much speculation both as to its purpose and the reason it has been adopted by the German authorities. A number of conclusions are generally reached.

First, the new tactics of scattering bombs indiscriminately over the Metropolis, which no one can imagine to be an important target in the purely military sense, is taken to be a confession of failure on the part of the Luftwaffe to do substantial damage to the main centres of Britain's war production, to be a confession that attacks which have been attempted on Britain's military targets have been too costly and that the German air force is beginning to feel the strain of such heavy losses.

Second, that having lamentably failed to gain superiority in the air over the R.A.F. and failed to inflict serious damage to Britain's war machine, Germany has now turned the force of her attack against what she hopes will prove Britain's weakest point, namely civilian morale.

At the same time, London is the centre of communications, centre of political life and representative of the nation in a way which is true of the capital of no other country. By destroying London

the Nazis might well hope the rest of the country would be paralysed and the way for invasion rendered easy.

But the morale of London is so far untouched and everywhere the opinion is confidently expressed that it will require bombing on a scale vastly more widespread and more intense before the nerve of Londoners can be crushed on a scale which the London defences will never permit the Nazis to achieve without inflicting terrible losses.

New Night Defences

Many different weapons have been brought to the defence of London against constant night raiders.

There are night flying fighters of which informed correspondents suggest a superior new type is already in production; A.A. guns capable of putting up a formidable barrage of fire and steel, and there are searchlights and barrage balloons of an improved new type which has already claimed one victim.

Damage to London certainly has been done and much suffering caused. Many of her prominent buildings, which form the chief target for Nazi bombs, have been damaged.

These include some dozen famous old churches, St. Paul's Churchyard, the House of Lords, Buckingham Palace (three times hit), the Law Courts, Hogarth's House, Somerset House, three of the largest hospitals and a number of smaller ones and two newspaper offices.

Life Goes On

Some 2,000 of her civilian population have been killed and many more injured or rendered homeless.

Yet the general life of the capital proceeds uninterrupted and the capacity of the people to adapt themselves to the new mode of life is astonishing.

Confidence is widespread in the power of Britain to defeat this last, as she has defeated former methods, of Nazi attacks. — British Wireless.

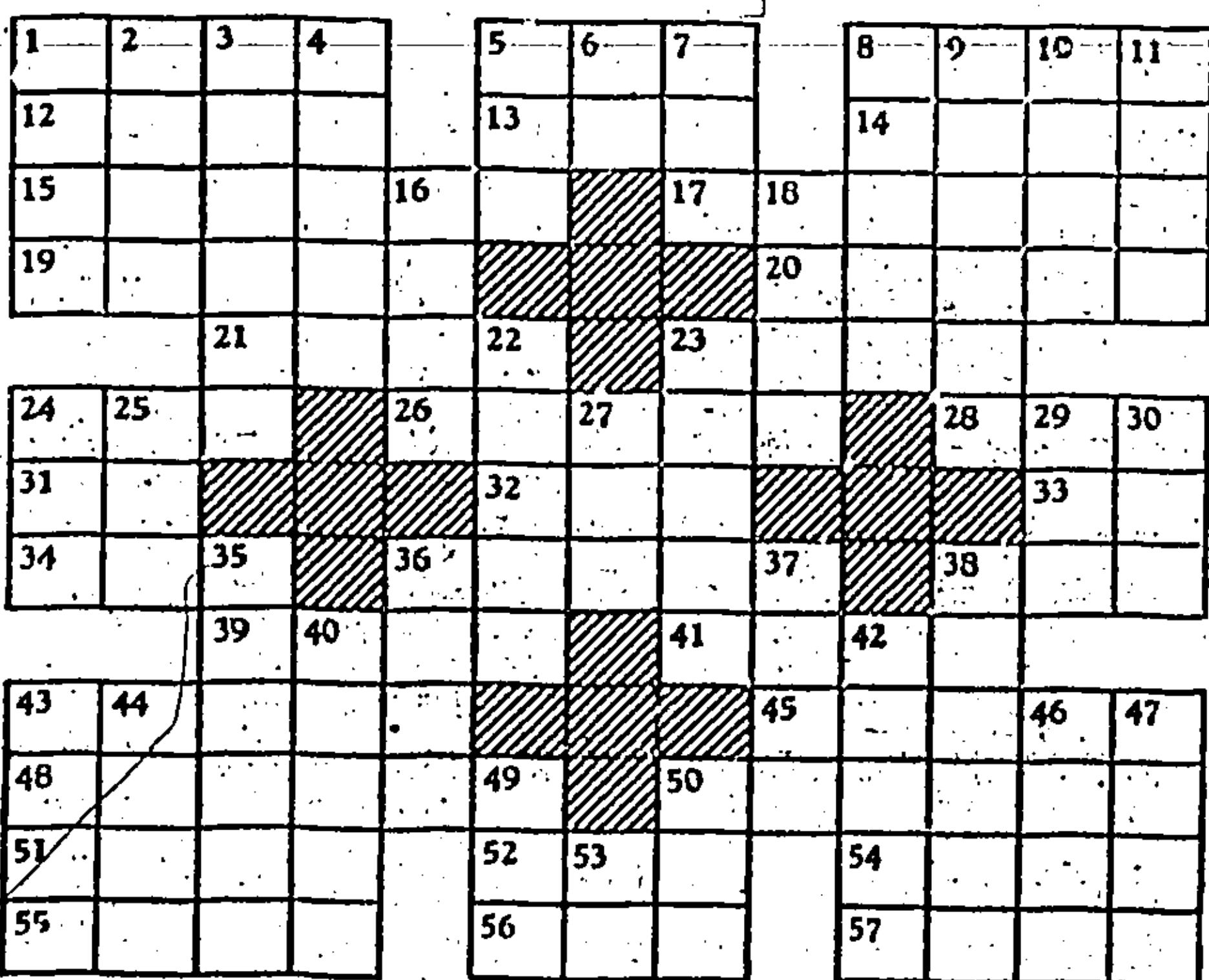
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- 1 Brace
- 5 Vehicle
- 6 Colloquial: sailor
- 12 Teutonic alphabetic character
- 13 South American language
- 14 Solo
- 15 To establish aimlessly
- 17 To traverse aimlessly
- 19 Cries loudly
- 20 Web-footed birds
- 21 To give forth
- 23 Gull-like bird
- 24 Owls
- 26 Auctions
- 28 Faucet
- 31 Preposition
- 32 Woodland deity
- 33 French article
- 34 Soft substance
- 36 More mature
- 38 Winged mammal
- 39 Part of eye
- 41 To drink excessively
- 43 Mud-cel

VERTICAL

- 45 Biblical name
- 48 Reddish yellow
- 50 To tell
- 51 African fruit
- 52 To observe
- 54 English school
- 55 Once more
- 56 Melancholy
- 57 Corded fabrics

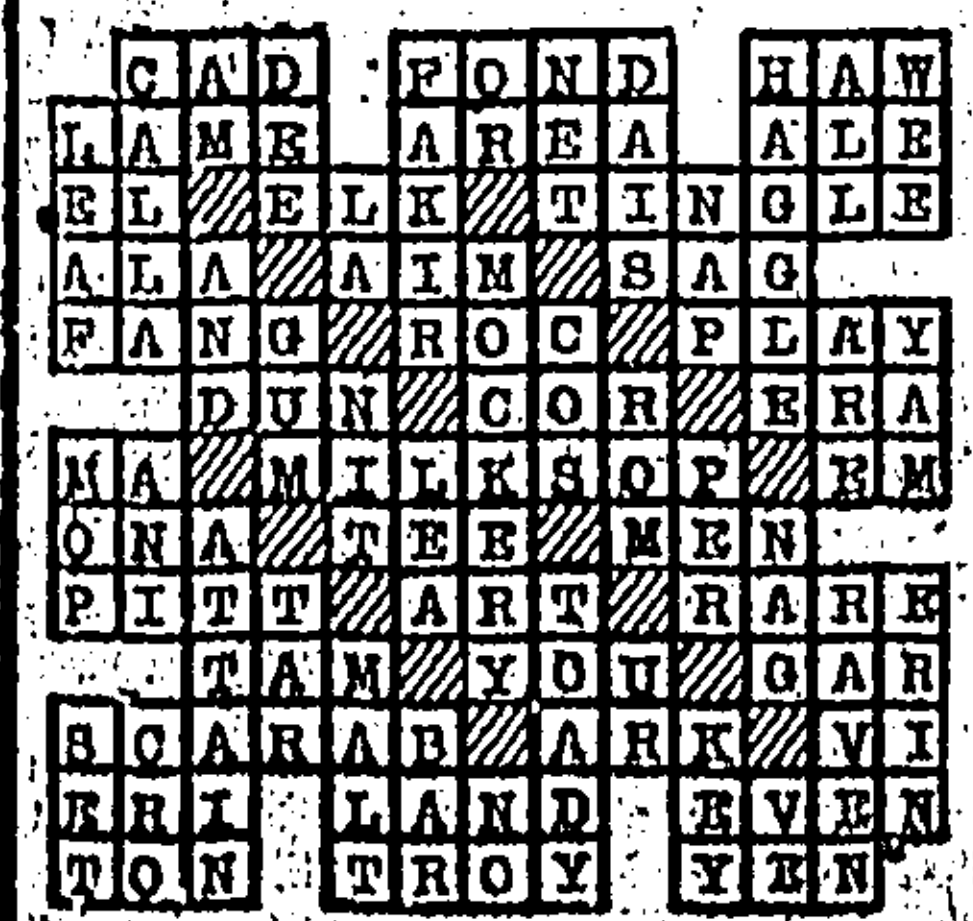
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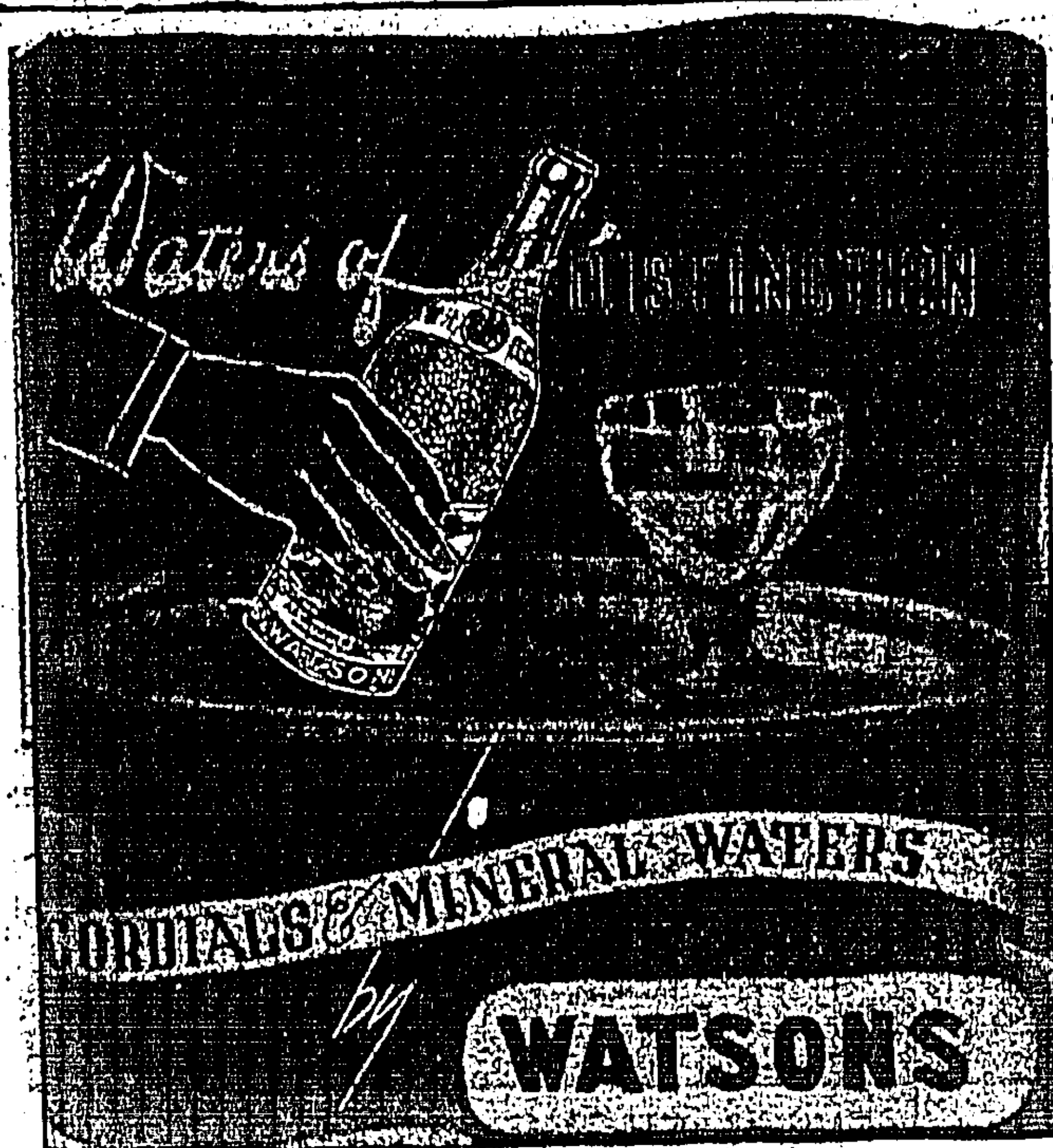
- 1 Vessel's fore part
- 2 Emanation
- 3 South Asian peninsula and islands
- 4 Domain
- 5 To lead
- 6 Article

VERTICAL

- 7 Uncooked
- 8 More rational
- 9 Passionate
- 10 Prevaricates
- 11 Biblical weed
- 16 Egyptian goddess
- 18 Periods of time
- 22 Carpet
- 23 Principle
- 24 Truncated roof
- 25 Literary scraps
- 27 To drink
- 29 Wing
- 30 Favourite
- 35 Brigand
- 36 Circular band
- 37 Garden flower
- 38 To scold
- 40 To regenerate
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GANGS BEAT UP MOON GIFTS RICH PATRONS OF BOTTLE PARTIES KILLER IN SHANGHAI

SCOTLAND YARD is planning a big clean-up of gangsters who, since the race tracks closed down, have been operating in the West-End.

Club patrons have been attacked, club owners "beaten up," and restaurants smashed by organised gangs. Other restaurants have been threatened with "annihilation" unless "protection" is accepted.

Bottle parties, which have been the worst sufferers, have been terrorised, but since many of them are being shut, the police have been able to round-up several gangsters operating in them.

An official of the Public Morality Council told a reporter: "We have reports of people being attacked and robbed, but they are usually afraid to press charges. Some fear gang vengeance; others don't want the incident made public."

"Syndicate Hired Thugs"

"One woman — a wealthy social welfare worker — tried to help some girls in the West End."

"This led to the syndicate for whom the girls worked hiring thugs who 'beat up' the woman."

"The gang also sank her houseboat, which was moored in the Thames."

Special police squads are used to catch mobs who terrorise clubs and restaurants.

These hooligans give lavish orders in restaurants and then threaten to "hammer" the manager and staff if they are asked to pay the bill.

When payment is demanded the gangs break up the place and attack the staff with broken bottles, razors, and coshers.

A bottle party owner said that "members of a gang forced their way into my place."

Wealthy Guest "Spotted"

"A man who was spending a lot of money on one of my hostesses was spotted."

"The hostess also seemed to realise this, and warned her guest, who gave her the £50 he had left."

"When the man went to the wash-room the gang went, too. They asked him to hand over his wallet. The man explained that he had spent all he had."

"Later the man and the hostess left the club and were immediately attacked by the gang."

"The man was beaten up, the girl's dress torn off, her body and face slashed with a razor, and the handbag with the money stolen."

Many of the hooligans are youngsters who have evaded the Army.

CRISIS IN BALKANS

A SEMI-OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED IN BUDAPEST YESTERDAY ACCUSES THE RUMANIAN ARMY OF A 10-DAY REIGN OF TERROR AGAINST HUNGARIANS LIVING IN THE TERRITORY CEDED TO HUNGARY.

The statement adds that the Rumanians are also proceeding against 700,000 Hungarians still under Rumanian domination and declares that "the evident crisis between the two countries continues."—Reuter.

DEPARTMENT TO APARTMENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Osaka department stores are reported to be considering converting space formerly used by luxury sales departments into apartments. The question has been studied by the Japan Department Stores Association as housing has become an acute problem.—Havas.

RAF STILL LIVE HERE

In London it was reported yesterday that one of the chief aims of recent intensified German air raids has been to drive the Air Force from its bases in south-eastern coastal areas.

These attempts, stated authoritative circles, have failed conspicuously and it is from these very bases, amongst others, that Hurricanes and Spitfires take off to engage enemy formations as they deliver their attacks.

Not one of these bases has been prevented from functioning and their efficiency is shown by the impressive number of German machines brought down daily over south-eastern coastal districts by the Royal Air Force.—Reuter.

PILGRIMS FOR MECCA

The confidence which the Egyptian Government clearly places on the British Navy has enabled the faithful have to cross the Red Sea between Suez and Jeddah, to continue to be made.

The Egyptian Premier has instructed all Mudirs and Governors to announce to the nation that persons desiring to make the Pilgrimage should submit applications in the usual way. Hassan Sabry, by this decision, gives further proof that the necessary withdrawal of British troops from Somaliland had not reduced effective British control of the Red Sea.—British Wireless.

THAI'S DEMANDS ON INDO-CHINA

BOTH FOREIGN and Chinese official circles were astounded when news came through yesterday that the Thailand (Siam) Government had presented the French Indo-China Government with three territorial demands involving territory along the Thai-Indo-China border states a message from Kwong Chow Wan this morning.

Late last night it was officially learned that Admiral Jean De Cox, Governor-General of Indo-China, virtually rejected the demands which are said to have been sent through the French Legation in Bangkok.

Admiral De Cox is reported to have informed the Thai Government that the demands were of a nature that could not even justify their consideration by the Indo-China Government.

It is believed that the Thai Government will refer the demands direct to Marshal Petain's Government in Vichy.

Unofficial circles believed that the demands have been inspired by the Japanese.

Meanwhile, it is reported that Prince Chichibu has arrived on Wakehow Island, to direct negotiations between Major-General Nishihara and Admiral De Cox, which have been resumed.—Our Own Correspondent.

Posing as a messenger with a package of Moon Festival gifts, a Chinese gunman killed a Chinese merchant, Liu Yu-ying, employee of a Japanese firm, in Shanghai this morning in the victim's home in Hongkew, Japanese-controlled area of the International Settlement.

The shooting was seen by the victim's wife. Liu was a high official of the Yig Hwa Textile Company, a Japanese concern.

The killer was admitted to the home when he said he had "moon cakes" and other gifts of the season and a personal message for Liu, who was shot in the head and killed instantly.

Motive is unknown but it is believed it might be a personal grievance.—Reuter.

Central News says that Liu, a Szechwanese, was shot dead by several gunmen in his residence in No. 6, Lane 360, in Wuchang Road. All the gunmen escaped. It is said that the victim was an intelligence officer in the employ of certain quarters.

Wei Yao-hsun, a worker of a silk factory, was fired upon by an unidentified person at the intersection of Hart Road and Penang Road in Shanghai on Saturday night. He suffered a serious wound in the chest and is lying in a critical condition.—Central News.

PUPPET WAR MINISTER BACK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") General Huntziger, newly appointed War Minister in the Vichy Government, returned to Vichy yesterday after three months in Wiesbaden as head of the French armistice delegation.

General Huntziger made a brief stop in Paris and on landing at Vichy visited Marshal Petain.—Havas.

ST. THOMAS'S DAMAGED

It has now been disclosed that one of the many London hospitals damaged in recent Nazi raids on the capital was St. Thomas's Hospital.—Reuter.

SYDNEY TO RAISE £250,000

A public meeting is being held in Sydney to-day to inaugurate a fund for the assistance of British air raid victims. It is hoped to raise £250,000.—Reuter.

BRITONS BACK FROM SWEDEN

British soldiers who escaped to Sweden after the withdrawal from Norway have been repatriated, and the first contingent of 10 officers and 115 men is back in England.

Major D. C. Tennant, who brought the men home, said that many of them took four weeks to cover 160 miles to Sweden. They had to cross mountains, frozen lakes, and rivers which were made raging torrents by melting snow.

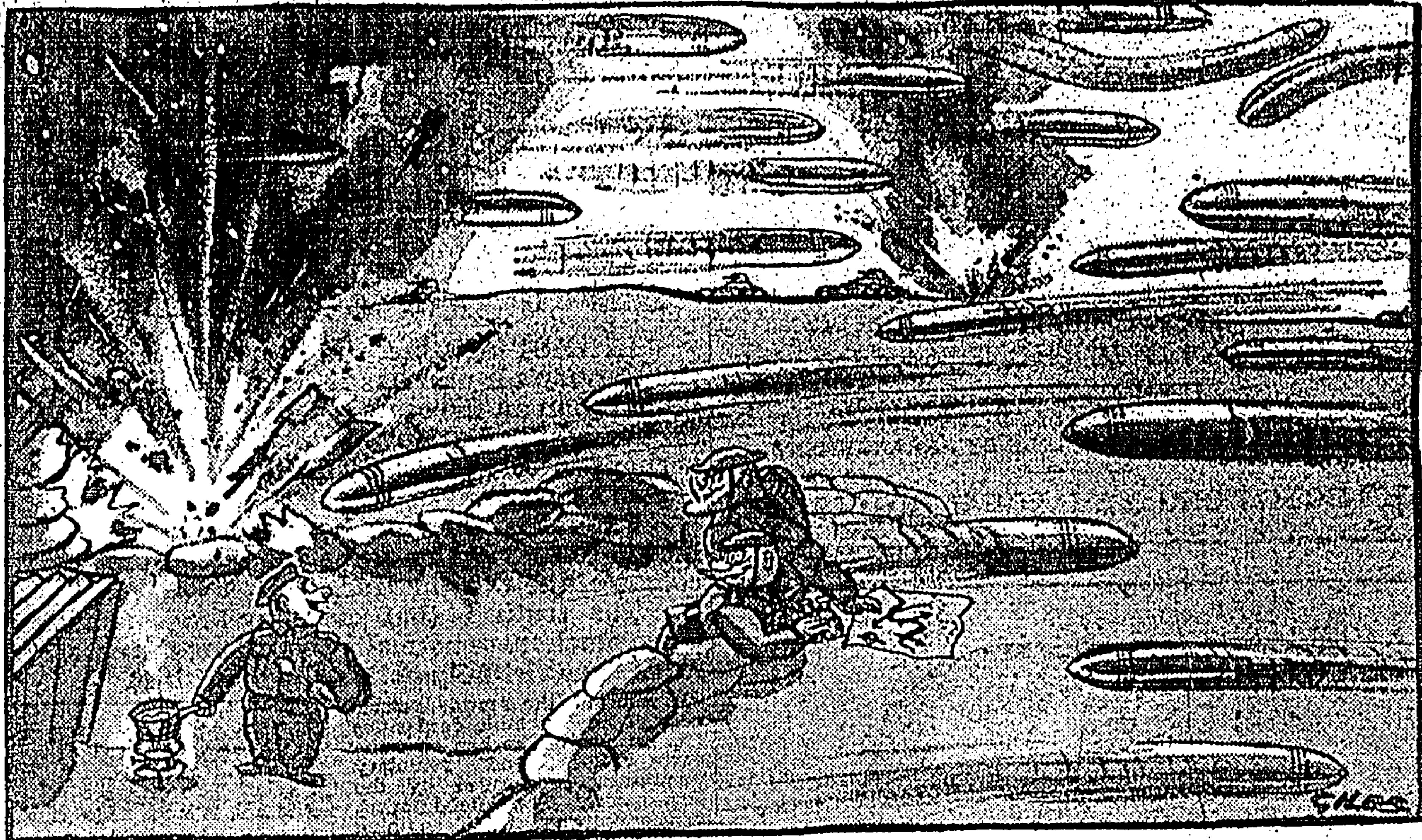
"They are delighted to be home," he added, "and will be ready for anything after a spot of leave."

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FRANCE'S MISTAKE

The men of Vichy, to use the convenient term by which the Government of surrender is described, put it about that they were giving France a new Constitution and introducing a new spirit into her life, suited to her needs and her true interests. The new Constitution was based on the models of Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany. The idea underlying the new spirit was that France, recognising that her overseas Empire had been a mistake, should pursue a less ambitious policy, that she should renounce industrialism and return to a simpler life as a people of peasants and handicraftsmen. The men of Vichy, taking account of certain ideas and certain discontents that were influencing French minds before the war, have formed a political structure likely to be agreeable to their German conquerors. One of the advocates of this policy, oddly enough, M. Baudouin, is a leading figure in that financial world whose mischievous influence in French politics has prompted the desire for a simpler life as an escape from this corrupt power.

The Nazis have not been conciliated by these manoeuvres. The Vichy Government spoke of restoring the old Bourbon provinces. With grim irony the Nazis prepare to restore the old independent State of Brittany under a German governor. While the Petain Ministers talk of decentralisation, the Nazis talk of dismemberment. When asked for any concession, such as the return of French prisoners of war, they remind Marshal Petain that France has been beaten to the ground and has no right to expect any indulgence. The men of Vichy have now decided on a further step in the hope of placating them. They are to take proceedings against a number of politicians who are specially obnoxious to the Germans. These politicians are chosen as specially responsible for the war. It is significant that M. Bonnet is not among them. They pay M. Bonnet the compliment of accepting his word (and they are no doubt right) when he says that after urging France, with success, to break her treaty with Czechoslovakia he had tried hard to persuade her to break her treaty with Poland. Diplomacy in such hands is the art



"Do you like your eggs done three or four minutes, sir?"

Under Shadow Of A New Bastille

ALAS! for France, prostrate in the dust, with the heel of her secular adversary upon her neck, France has suffered military defeat before, and has astonished the world by her recovery. But then she had leaders with undimmed faith in the native genius and in the future of France. What of to-day? Where are the men of 1871?

The counterpart even of the veteran Thiers is not recognisable in him who was honoured once as the Hero of Verdun. Where is the fiery Gambetta, the fou furieux of Orleans? He certainly has not been reincarnated in Laval. Or where is the fellow to the least eminent of the three, Jules Ferry, who chose that the Prussians should march through Paris rather than surrender a stone of the fortress of Belfort?

Not Meant To Last

That times have changed and men change with them is true.

of using and betraying those weaker than yourself. So the Foreign Minister of the Government that went to war last September is exempted, while Ministers who had no direct relation with foreign affairs but who were known as men who thought that treaties should be kept are to be impeached. This decision shows how far the men of Vichy are ready to go in their desire to please Germany, for such action must prejudice seriously whatever chance they have of being accepted, to-day or in history, as a Government entitled to speak for France or to be respected for its patriotic motives. This bitter revival of domestic feuds by a Government that has surrendered the liberty of its country shows that it is more anxious to please Germany than to unite France.

But some faint echo of the noble rage and indignation of 70 years ago might surely have been heard at Bordeaux. What would the Tiger have said of the National Assembly at Vichy, which last week empowered Petain to frame a bastard Constitution on Fascist lines? Would he not have flayed alive such treachery to the Republic?

But, then, where now is the Republic? It has gone out into the darkness with its President. Possibly a stronger man than M. Lebrun might have stopped the rot. But the politicians of the Third Republic have too long been shy of strong Presidents. I forbear to comment on the three Constitutional Acts which

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the new Chief of State has just promulgated. These are not meant to endure. At the day of reckoning they and their authors will be covered with confusion. The true France, whose "head is bloody but unbowed," will say:—

For all the ills we ever bore we grieved, we sighed, we wept, we never blushed before.

The proper Government for France at such an hour would have been, I should have thought, a National Government, formed of all the best men available in political life and reinforced, if need be, from outside. If it be said that many National Governments have already failed most dismally, the answer is that too many members were unfaithful to their duty, and studied too exclusively party interests—or their own.

Politician's Timidity

Let me recall what Pere Doumergue said only six years ago in the bitterness of his heart after his failure to effect what he believed to be the one vitally necessary reform in the French Constitution. He had been recalled from retirement to save France and the foundering franc. After nine months "the Constitution's last defender," for so he regarded himself, had to own that the forces of partisanship in his own Cabinet were too strong for him. He said:—

"If I had had to form a new team of 20 Ministers I could not have done it. It would have been impossible for me to find so many men of merit, at any rate in the confines of Parliament. . . . I was broken on

petty interests. . . . The duties of to-day simply regard themselves as officials. . . . We no longer have great prefects. We no longer have great directors of public affairs. Why? Because the places are occupied by the petty creatures of petty Parliamentarians."

Make what allowance you will for the sore hurt to his pride, the core of the indictment remains. The disinterested men who could have saved the Constitution were not there.

Yet his major remedy was nothing very terrible or revolutionary. What he had principally insisted was that the Premier should have, as in England, the right of dissolution a year after a General Election so as to prevent the endless succession of transient, short-lived Governments founded on insincere, purely temporary and sometimes corrupt agreements. So long as Parliament was, in practice, indissoluble during its four years' term of life, the virus was ineradicable.

The plan suffered shipwreck because, its critics said, it might lead to a Dictatorship! Six years have passed, and for a Dictator is preparing to take the stage over the ruins of the Republic itself because the remedy was more than the professionals could bear. What Tacitus said long since of States which can neither endure their vices nor their remedies is still true.

M. Laval is an outstanding example of the intriguer who have ruined the morale of France. He is best remembered here as the French Minister who stultified France's position in the League of Nations, and the effectiveness of the League in its actions against the Aggressor, by giving Mussolini a free hand in Abyssinia. In France's separate pact with Italy, his German masters openly deride his vain effort to placate Germany and Italy by drawing up a crazy Constitution in the German and Italian style.

How Long?

Even assuming a general consensus of agreement that the catastrophe is mainly of political origin—spilling over freely into the economic, the financial and the moral fields (for they are all closely inter-connected)—what possible prospect is there of the French political parties agreeing to accept the conclusion that safety can only come from the Right, and the extreme Right at that, the Right which equally with the Left has adopted the fatal device of "descending into the street"? That this should befall on the eve of July 14, the day of the

Fall of the Bastille, when the principles of the Revolution are remembered with fêtes and rejoicing and pledges of loyalty to the Republic are gratefully renewed, makes it all the more tragic and distressing. The French were exhorted by their new masters, not without brutality, to spend the anniversary this year in "meditation." On what can they meditate save on the rising walls of the new Bastille which are designed to imprison the whole nation?

Is it to be supposed that French Radicals, Socialists and Communists are prepared to renounce their democratic institutions and be content with the derisory share in the government of their country which is all that is left to the rank and file of Germans and Italians? Will the French urban workers abandon their trade unions without a struggle and renounce their right to a voice in shaping the conditions of their daily work?

In France for more than half a century the Legislature has exercised a jealously guarded oversight over the Executive: that has been carried, in the opinion of most impartial observers, to great and harmful excess. In the authoritarian State the word Parliament has lost all its original connotation: it has ceased to be anything more than a body which meets occasionally to register en bloc the decrees of the Dictator. The difference is fundamental. How long will it take France to accustom herself to the change?

An End Of Liberty

Again, in the authoritarian State the individual citizen counts for nothing. He is a cipher. He is told that except in so far as he is a unit merged and compacted in the general mass, his happiness and prosperity are of no interest or concern to the State. The French are still the most convinced individualists in Europe; how can they accept a regime which cuts athwart every fixed habit of their thought and every vital principle of their daily action?

It is beyond the power of any Dictator to destroy what is an integral part of the Frenchman's secular religion.

Or consider the motto of the Revolution—Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. In its relation to a Fascist State, Liberty is transformed into the rule of compulsion and unquestioning obedience. Equality and fraternity are both set at defiance by arrogant distinctions of race and propensities to superiority of blood.

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EAST ANGLIA UNPERTURBED BY RAIDS

IN EAST ANGLIA the hitherto limited use of the German air arm has fallen rather more heavily inland than on the coast (though the most that has so far happened at any one place have been two, or perhaps three, attacks, each delivered by one raider, or two at most).

One might therefore have expected some of the inland towns, if any, to be the most upset by the course of the war thus far.

The truth is that everyday life continues in them much more normally than along the coast. Air raids have virtually nothing to do with it.

If some of the seaside resorts more or less resemble dead cities it is because of the ban on summer visitors and voluntary evacuation, encouraged by the Government. The inland towns, on the contrary, are if anything fuller than usual; and, unlike the holiday resorts, they can still make ends meet.

Their occupants take the occasional air raids sufficiently seriously to safeguard themselves, but without letting the danger prey on minds or nerves. The men and women of the A.R.P. services acquit themselves, by all accounts, as admirably as they are doing all over the Kingdom. The civil population has become hardened in a wonderfully short time.

Beds In Shelters

To avoid broken nights many people now sleep everynight in their shelters, fitted with comfortable beds. A man whose wife and daughter occupy the family refuge nightly, while he continues to sleep in the house, told how, after their most recent raid — it came at 6 a.m. — and the falling of bombs in the near neighbourhood, "I made them a cup of tea and they went back to sleep."

The British are the grand empiricists, the great exponents of the method of trial and error. The method has disadvantages; on the other hand, adaptability which can cope with fresh situations as they arise is valuable at times like these.

Here in East Anglia, as over a wider field, the good and less good aspects of the national characteristic have both been in evidence.

The Government, having first sent London schoolchildren into this area, have since moved them elsewhere. One hears of emergency hospital plans that have been altered again and again. Such changes may have been desirable, but it might have been even better if the need for them could have been avoided. There are, again, the sirens.

A Lucky Signal

"What song the sirens sing" is to many citizens peculiarly depressing; they wonder why some more heartening sequence of notes could not have been taken as their signature tune.

All the same, one finds here a widespread opinion that the present tune is better than nothing when bombs are dropped.

One town lodged a protest after its first attack, unheeded and unaccompanied by any warning. Thereafter the sirens sounded four times in a single night, three times in another; and the inhabitants seem to think even that is better than silence unbroken till shattered by a bomb.

In the latest raid on the town there was again no warning.

At another place on the coast the only notice of one raid was a signal — said to have been emitted by mistake. It saved the lives of a number of people congregated in a large shop; they had just been shepherded to the basement shelter when a bomb fell in the shop. Appreciating that considerations of higher policy are no doubt involved, the people nevertheless ask what is the use of refuges if they are given no time to reach them.

Good Temper

Yet they ask such questions good temperedly and without undue concern for their own skins. While one's train the other day stood at a wayside village with all about it the peaceful

JUDGES TO STAY PUT

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED YESTERDAY THE STAFF OF THE FIRST SPECIAL DISTRICT COURT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT IN SHANGHAI DEFIED THE THREAT TO THEIR LIVES MADE BY WANG CHING-WEI'S AGENTS. MORE LETTERS THREATENING DIRE CONSEQUENCES IF THEY DO NOT GIVE UP ALLEGIANCE TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN CHUNGKING AND TURN OVER TO THE WANG CHING-WEI REGIME HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVED BY THEM.

The statement declared that the officials of the Court were formally appointed by the National Government in Chungking and recognised by the Powers concerned and their duty is to enforce Chinese law. They have completely ignored the threatening letters received and will continue to execute their duty.

As a precautionary measure, the Police Department of the International Settlement has assigned special motor cars and armed guards to escort the judges to the Court daily. — Central News.

KWANGSI FIGHTING

Desultory fighting has occurred along the Nanning-Lungchow and Nanning-Yanchow highways, in south Kwangsi, it was announced in Chungking yesterday.

On September 12, a Japanese force attacked Chinese positions near Kiangchow, north of Szelo on the Nanning-Lungchow highway. Encountering staunch Chinese resistance, it suffered severe losses.

On the same day, the Japanese at Nansueh on the Nanning-Yanchow highway near the Kwangtung border, drove towards Nali nearby, but were repulsed after a three-hour engagement.

Further successes have been scored by the Chinese forces in south-east Shansi in their sweeping advances against the Japanese there. Latest despatches reveal that they succeeded in breaking into Tsincheng, near the Honan border, where fierce street combats took place.

Important points, east, north-east and south-west of Tsincheng, have been re-occupied by the Chinese, thus cutting off the communication of the Japanese at Tsincheng with the outside world.

A report from Itu (Hupei), reveals that the Japanese across the Yangtze River at Ichang, launched an attack on the Chinese south-west of Wulungkow a few days ago, but were hurled back with many casualties. — Central News.

beauty of an East Anglian landscape and its ripening crops, the village siren went repeatedly. The middle-aged countrywomen in the compartment kept as cool and cheerful as if raids had been an everyday occurrence all their lives. A mob of small schoolboys in another train gave one a glimpse into the young generation's pantheon. When an airman entered the full train and passed down the corridor there were loud twitters as of sparrows. "Oh, do come in here, please! There's any amount of room!"

DUKE SHELTERS IN CELLAR

The Duke of Kent, while visiting an R. A. F. unit, spent most of the night in a cellar during an air raid. With him were his host and hostess and the servants. The cellar was shaken by the explosions of bombs.

Since the Duke took up an appointment with the R.A.F. on special duties connected with the welfare of airmen, he has been travelling by air five days a week visiting units.

APPEALING FOR U.S. SYMPATHY?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY HANDED GENERAL PERSHING A FRIENDLY MESSAGE OF BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FROM MARSHAL PETAIN. GENERAL PERSHING, FORMER COMMANDER OF THE A.E.F. IN FRANCE IN 1917, IS 80.

He also received a message of congratulation from the municipality of Versailles within whose confines there is a monument to the American general.

Marshal Petain's message said: "My thoughts at this moment are directed towards you. Circumstances have made me chief of the State. I accepted the task out of a sense of duty but my job is difficult and often painful. It makes me a prisoner of duty." — Havas.

LYONS STOCK EXCHANGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Lyons stock market has become the greatest centre of financial transactions in unoccupied France since the closure of postal routes between free and occupied territory. The Lyons Exchange leads Marseilles and Toulouse as the most important industrial centre in the south of France. French stocks are on an upward trend while foreign shares have found their lowest level for the year this week. Credit Lyonnais were quoted at 1,840 francs against 1,345 francs, and Rhone Poulenc 1,348 against 868. — Havas.

STRUCK ITALIAN MINES

It was announced in Vichy that three French cargo-boats struck mines off the coast of Sardinia on Friday. Two were sunk but the third was able to continue the voyage. All of the crew are safe but three "military passengers" lost their lives. The vessels were maintaining service between the French Mediterranean coast and Africa. — Reuters.

NAZI HEALTH ALSO ERSATZ

PRE-WAR NAZI apologists were not alone in propagating the mythical attributes of the Third Reich.

Vaguely aware of the rule of suppression which had so effectively disposed of all opposition to the so-called National Socialist regime in Germany, many people fell for the stories of social advancement which Propagandist Joseph Goebbels released for foreign consumption.

The generalisation "Of course, he has done a lot of good for the youth and workers of Germany" often rounded off any conversation on the Hitler cult, sealed the belief that out of the common evil came the common good.

To get a line on all this health propaganda, former Berlin physician, Dr. Martin Gumpert, recently started a probe of German health facts, not from anti-Nazi sources but from the scientific literature issued under the stamp of the Third Reich.

Result of these investigations, which he has just issued, is staggering, and prove that the body politic is not the only sick subject within the realm of the Third Reich.

Senseless Dogma

The marriage laws which, prima facie, appeared to contain provisions for the general weal are, says Gumpert, completely distorted by the senseless dogma of German racial superiority, absence of economic basis for early marriages and the tendency to push the birth rate up beyond all reason.

Indisputable facts to emerge from this comb-through of civilian life in Germany during the last six years is that the mortality rate has risen considerably, number of marriages, after an initial upward spurt, has declined, the fecundity index is far behind the level attained in the pre-Hitler period.

To the problem of increase in the infant mortality rate Professor Hamburger contributed this notable definition of the programmatic policy of the National Socialist party.

Special attention to the problem of infant mortality, having as its objective the lowering of the general mortality rate to 2 or 3 per cent, cannot be agreed to without qualification. We must take into account the danger that the much more important question of increasing the birth-rate will suffer in consequence. Not consideration but achievement is to be our watchword.

State Before Individual

The State, not the individual, is the corner stone of all Nazi applied philosophy, but the breaking down of a system of social service and welfare work which was once a fine example to the rest of the world is reflected by an adverse balance which includes a drop in marriages from 12.2 per thousand to 8.8 per cent, a lowering in the birth rate by 11 per cent more than the level needed for the maintenance of a positive population balance.

Foreign countries have been well peppered with the strength-through-joy ballyhoo, which depicted specimens of Nordic purity of both sexes in a flush of health comparable with the heroes and heroines of Greek mythology.

But behind the picture of Nazi rule is a history of the spread of rickets, widespread increase in youthful criminality, exploitation of child labour, and a low level of working capacity and military serviceableness. Rickets is essentially a social disease, induced mainly by malnutrition, lack of proper vitamins.

Professor Rominger, director of the Children's Clinic of Kiel University, gave the game away when he reported that in the Westphalian industrial area 37 to 40 per cent of infants under the age of one suffered from rickets, attested that, even under the healing rays of the summer sun, the disease did not vanish.

The professor pointed out that the increase in rickets among breast-fed children could only be explained by the severe under-nourishment of the mothers.

In Chains

The political youth organisations of Jungvolk and the Hitler-Jugend are the initial chains which bind the young in thrall to the State, and from these sources are traceable the foot deformities,

various nervous diseases, unbalanced growth, crises of puberty to which the young are subject as the result of too frequent and too powerful experiences. In 1938 Dr. Maertz reported:

The registration of foot deformities surpassed to an astonishing extent our uneasy expectations. In more than 70 per cent of the youth of both sexes there were cases of splayed, twisted, or flat feet. The frightful extent to which foot deformities interfere with the labour and military capacity of our people is well known to every doctor who has enrolled men or done other service.

The sports mania, from foot-slogging to cross-country running, which is imposed on all sections of the community, has so affected the academic generation that among theological students it was rare to find one completely healthy.

Heart failure, lung diseases, and paralyses have resulted from over-exercise, under-nourishment to such an extent that the authorities decided to exclude from study those unable to go successfully through sports courses.

Arrested development among young workers prevented them from putting up even average performances. Among those in the seventeen to eighteen class scarcely 20 per cent came up to normal.

From 1934 to the present time criminal dereliction among the youthful has rocketed by thousands each year, while in the tremendous increase in the consumption of liquor Gumpert sees the compliance of Hitler to the demands of the brewers. Champagne consumption alone has increased five-fold, that of beer by one-third, and wine and whisky doubled.

Most Suicides

In other social fields it is to be noted that the Third Reich heads the international table of suicide statistics with a percentage of 4.1 per ten thousand, that figures in the incidence of venereal disease have long ceased to be published.

Slow but steady has been the increase in tuberculosis, with the incidence in Königsberg, West Prussia, Stade, Osnabrück, Augsburg, Düsseldorf, Bavaria, Hessen, and Bremen being particularly disturbing.

Nazi medicos have devoted themselves to the task of reinstating the tubercular to their jobs, the main consideration being, not the patient, but the productivity of labour.

Coincident with human tuberculosis is the rise in the disease among animals, particularly cows and hogs. To these figures are to be added the numbers of cattle tabulated as "inferior," or only partially fit because of blotches. The meat of these animals is distributed free for human consumption.

Finally Gumpert asserts in this interesting, fact survey of Nazi Germany, that the power radiating healthfulness idea of the Third Reich is a legend, that Fascism produces sickness, not health, that no nation which has retained a portion of its health biologic instincts lets itself be utterly destroyed.

TRAWLERS BAG NAZI

THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES THAT TWO MINE-SWEEPING TRAWLERS EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING DESTROYED AN ENEMY PLANE BY GUNFIRE.

There were no casualties on board the trawlers. The trawlers were the Libra and Consulador. — Reuter.

ADMIRAL DOMVILLE'S SON DETAINED

Compton Domville, Admiral Sir Barry Domville's twenty-two-year-old son, has been detained under the Defence Regulations by police of the Special Branch, who went to his home in Roehampton Vale.

Both Sir Barry, who was chairman of The Link, a pro-Nazi organisation and Lady Domville, are detained.

GERMAN RESERVES USED UP?

A "swinging" form of attack by the German air force became apparent as the second week of the Battle of London got under way, says Reuter's air correspondent.

This is a variation of air strategy which allows single raiders and mass formations to alternate. It may be explained by the cloudy weather but it may well signify more.

The hot reception of German mass raiders doubtless caused Goering to call a temporary halt while squadrons are being reorganised.

Single raiders are designed to maintain pressure until large formations can be sent out again.

While this hardly seems to fit in with the action of an enemy confidently contemplating invasion, it does suggest he has now brought into use the major part of his available front-line air strength, and there is every reason for encouragement in his having reached this stage before invasion has been attempted and after less than two months of blitzkrieg on Britain.

This was certainly beyond the most sanguine expectations of Britain's defence chiefs. It shows that the brilliant defence action of R.A.F. fighters and A.A. guns and the persistent offensive of R.A.F. bombers has, told very heavily indeed and the R.A.F. is confident that if Hitler should try an invasion without mastery of the air or sea, he will be dealt a crippling blow. — Reuter.

FAMILIAR STORY

The Government of Thailand is demanding the return of former territory from Indo-China, says a Bangkok message.

Notices to this effect have been sent to the French Minister in Bangkok and to the Vichy Government.

The Thai Premier says that the inhabitants are of Thai race and sympathies.

Thailand has no aggressive intentions, he says, and is not demanding foreign territory — but what is hers.

The Domel correspondent adds that should France reject the demands Thai would denounce the non-aggression pact concluded with France last June. — Reuter.

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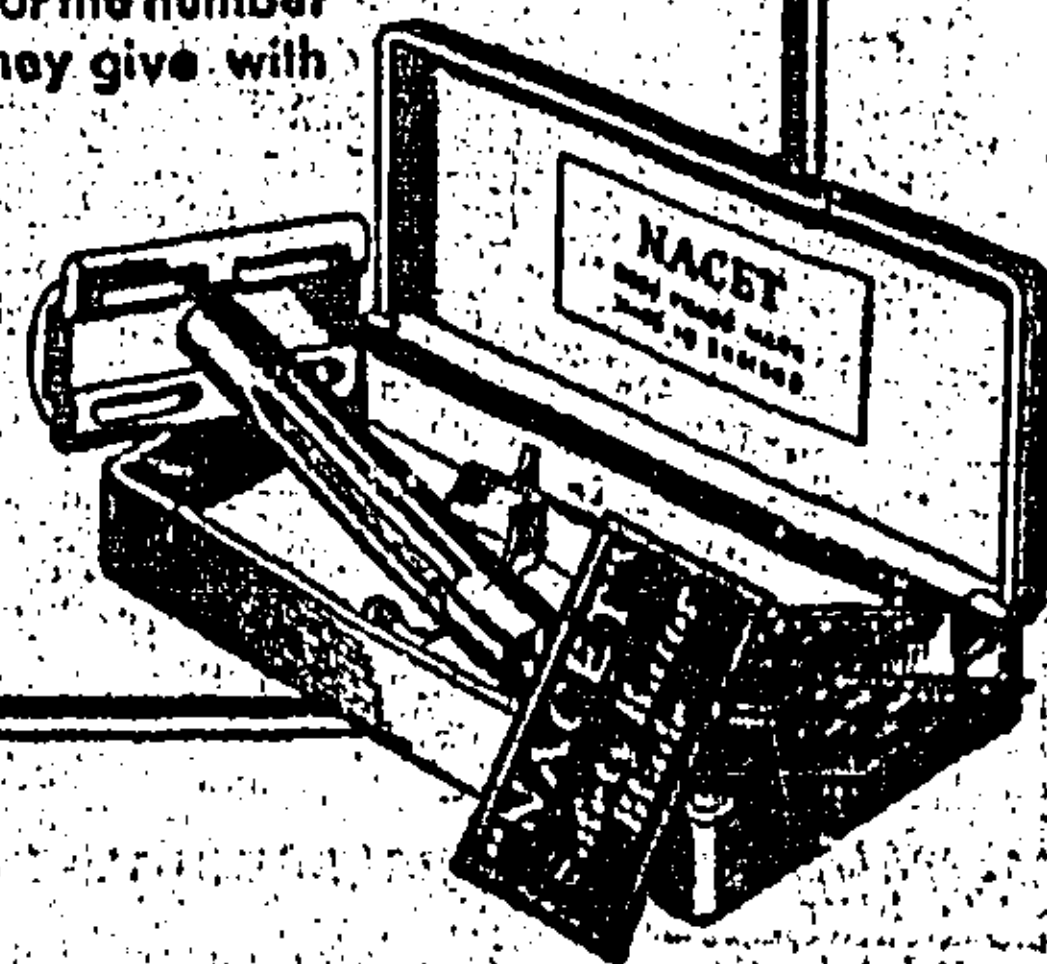
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The bidding was identical at both tables. In one room, West opened the King of diamonds and continued the suit until South ruffed. South then knocked out the Ace of trumps and easily took the rest of the tricks to fulfill his vulnerable game contract.

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♦ K 9 5 3
♣ J 2

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1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
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♣ Q 6 3

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1♠ Pass 1♥ 1♠ Pass
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3NT Pass

What do you lead? (Answer—To-morrow.)
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THEFT FROM SHIP

A sum of \$4,546 in Hong Kong currency was stolen from the cabin of Captain O. Adreassen, master of a ship lying in the Tai-koo Docks.

In making a report to the Police last night, the Captain stated that the money was stolen between 5 p.m. on Saturday and 7.30 a.m. yesterday. The police are investigating.

COAL FIND IN NORTH CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The Mitsubishi Mining Company has discovered a large coal vein at Hsin Tshien. Mining operations will start soon.—Havas.

GALLANTRY OF LONDON SQUAD

How St. Paul's was saved from destruction by a bomb of the biggest calibre ever dropped on London, which fell to the west end of the Cathedral is told in a statement issued in London yesterday by the Ministry of Home Security.

When a bomb disposal squad, commanded by Lieutenant R. E. Davies, began to dig they found that a six-inch gas main had been fractured, and three men were gassed.

The Gas Company were called in to deal with the leakage which had caught fire.

When the gas was cut off, the disposal section had to dig down seven feet before they found the bomb which was a ton in weight and eight feet long, fitted with fuses which made it deadly dangerous to touch.

With great difficulty it was drawn up with special tackle by two lorries in a tandem and then driven at high speed in a lorry by Lieutenant Davies to the Hackney Marshes, the risk of an explosion being imminent all the time.

The streets between the Cathedral and the Marshes were clear-



An optimist is a golfer who thinks his wife will make allowances when he comes home late with the excuse he couldn't get past the nineteenth hole.

ed by the police. The bomb, blown up yesterday at the Hackney Marshes, caused a crater 100 feet across and shook windows in houses far away.—Reuter.

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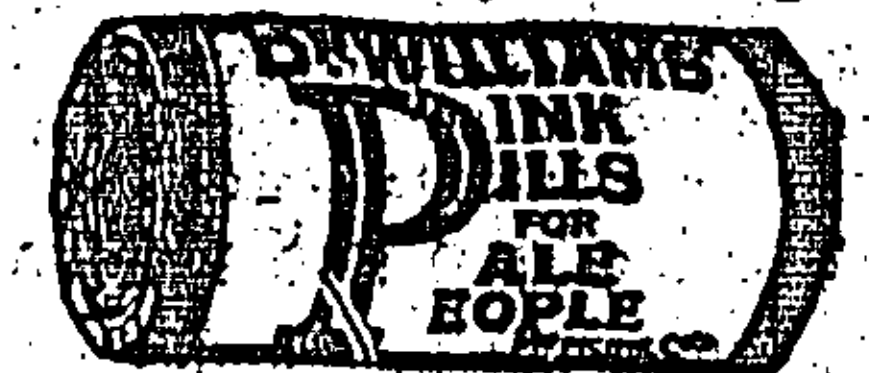
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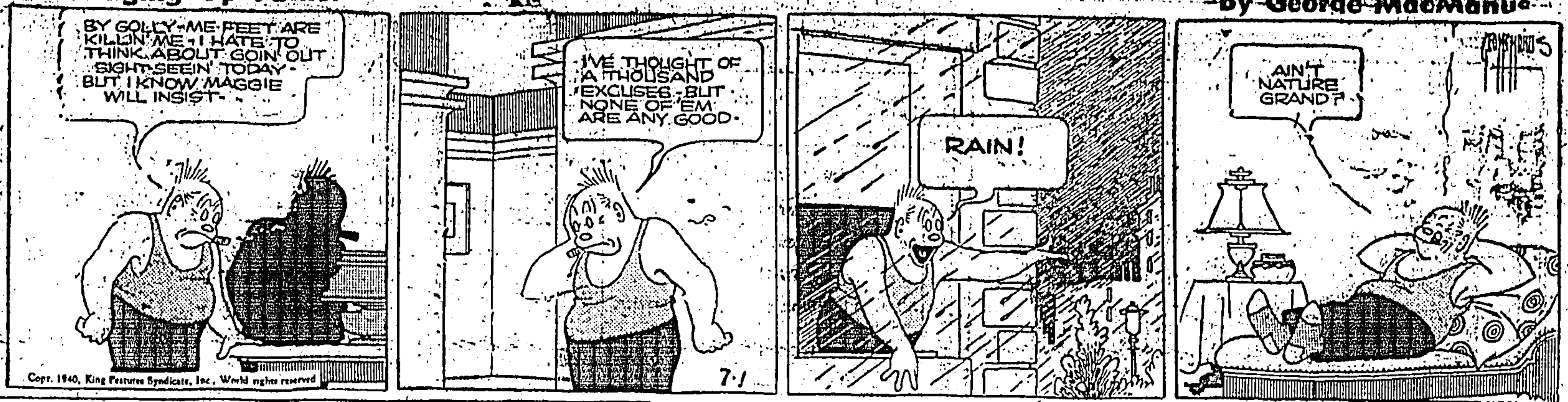
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Have Fun Every Day

With most of the world at war and headlines bringing us definite fears, we must make every effort not to be bogged under. The best remedy, is a little fun every day. Simple fun to relieve the tension which surrounds us and to keep our perspective sane. The world is at war most of the time, it seems, and troubles are knocking at our doors pretty consistently, but what will happen if we ruin our health through worry and accept the attitude that life is pretty much of a headache!

Fun is a bromide, and fun is free for all. To my way of thinking fun should be either taken out of doors or at least away from the usual four walls within which we work. A housewife should definitely get out of the house at least once each day, and have a little pleasure. An office girl should get out during the lunch hour, or at the end of the day. A woman bored from too much pampering should get out and give a little fun to others each day—to underprivileged children, the infirmed, the aged or to others who have been denied advantages. Her fun can be through service. Those who serve the greater part of the day should relax and just be merry for a few hours. Indolent and merry. There is no tonic in the world better than that for beauty! Fun guards against tiredness. Haven't you felt sunk just before going to a party but when you arrived and entered into the merriment of it your fatigue suddenly left you?

Fun minimises nameless fears. If you dread something, get out and have some fun. You might even discuss your fear with a good friend or even a stranger. Discussing it usually gives you a new viewpoint and makes that fear a midget in comparison to what COULD happen.

Fun is good for the digestion. I've watched persons who complained of chronic indigestion eat everything they thought they couldn't eat and not suffer a bit—while they were having fun.

Fun keeps you good natured. Nervous explosions of temper are usually a very definite sign that you need some fun—a change, a trip, a little more laughter! The first dose of good fun you get banishes that nasty temper!



Anna Neagle, the famous English star, on vacation in the desert at the conclusion of "Irene" spent the early mornings bicycling along desert by-roads.

Fun brings beauty to your face. The ugliest featured little urchin smiling eyes and a happy mouth cannot help but be attractive. In fact a relaxed, smiling face makes

a love. You want to have him about because you hope his happiness is contagious! A woman's smiling eyes are a haven for men who have many worries. Frowning, worried eyes keep them at a distance.

Fun is a conditioner. It keeps your mind and your body healthy. Especially if you will learn to take your fun out in the open, playing a competitive game—mingling with others, laughing with others, playing with others!

The next few months are definitely fun months—so why not get out and grasp your share?

Neglected Foods

A war-time cookery book from the pen of a Frenchman is timely. It is not merely that the French have always understood the art of preparing, cooking and serving food as nobody else has, but that they realise that this business of war-time cookery is not so much a case of using substitutes for the foods which have become scarce or unobtainable, but of making use of the desirable foods which have always existed in abundance and have been neglected or ignored.

Mr. Lloyd George has written a foreword to this fascinating book, but it would be its own recommendation.

I like the chapter on old-fashioned nature remedies, and if there are other beverages for "a sad heart" which would be less trouble than the rather elaborate infusion of flowers, there is often a sound scientific basis for the Nettle Tea for rheumatism. Elder Flower Tea for a cold, lime water and milk for hay fever, all at

juniper for lumbago and the rest of the homely remedies for life's many minor handicaps.

The "substitutes" chapter is full of interesting suggestions for innovations (such as growing a sugar plant in the front parlour instead of the familiar aspidistra) as well as sound rules we too often ignore.

Among these are such topicalities as "When stewing fruit, if you put in the sugar a few minutes before the end of the cooking time you will only require half the quantity of sugar prescribed by the recipe. When cooking very sour fruit, such as gooseberries or rhubarb, if you put in a pinch of bicarbonate of soda you will not need as much sugar. But do not do so with cooking apples as this will discolour them."

I wish I had space for details of how to smoke a goose or make a small consomme or cook truffles in cinders, but I feel I cannot close my comments without a reference

to the paragraph on the burning subject of eggs.

There are in Britain, says the author, millions of wild birds' eggs to be gathered yearly without destroying, to any appreciable extent, the procreation of the species. They are far more suitable, he adds, than some imported poultry eggs.

He particularly mentions the lapwing's eggs, which he declares, are destroyed in their hundreds when farmers roll their fields in the spring, the eggs of the black-headed gulls, herring-gulls, gull-mots, and razor-bills.

I commend this book to Lord Woolton, not merely because it contains "war-time" recipes, but because it suggests ideas which open up wide possibilities to any people waging a struggle in which the determining factor may well prove to be the food.

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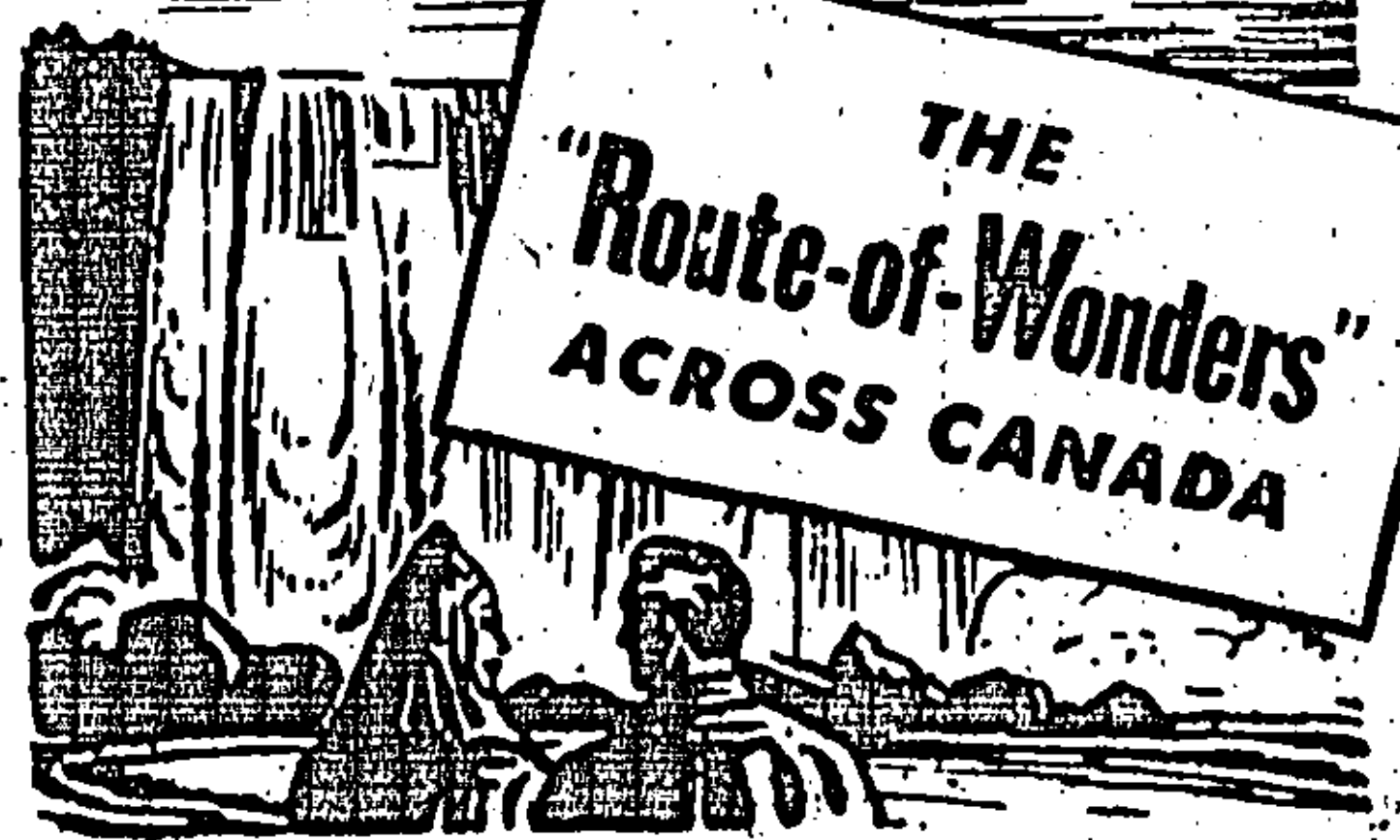
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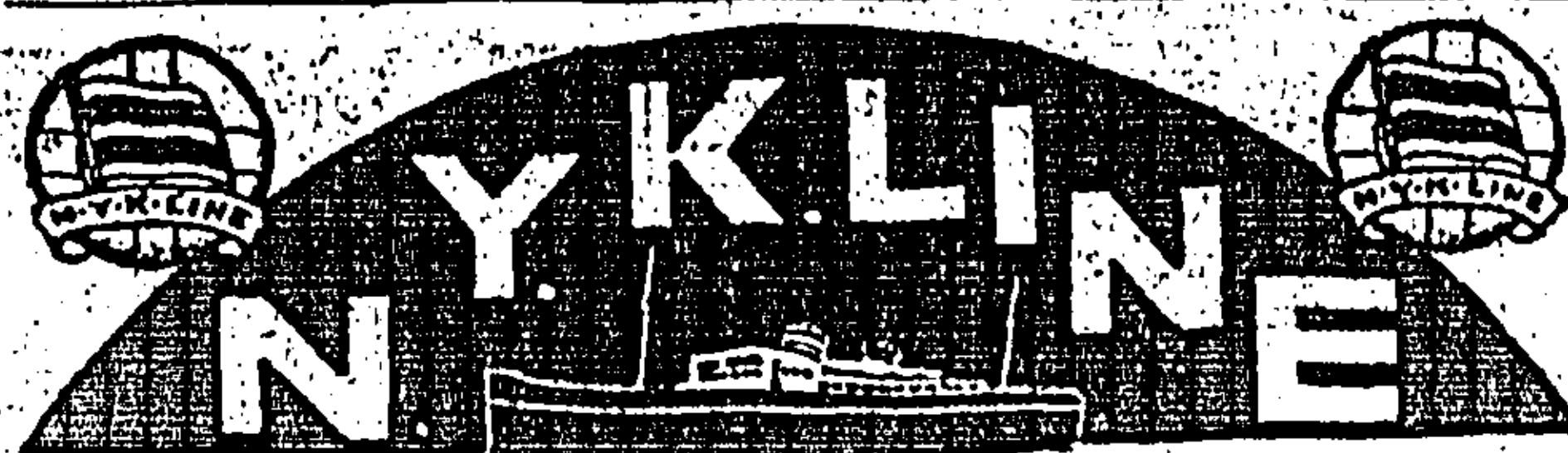
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TO-DAY'S WIRELESS

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Piano Duets by Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye.
12.40 p.m.—Mantovani and His Orch.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) in a Spanish Programme.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.00 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Compositions of Coleridge Taylor.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and the Orchestra Mascotte.
8.35 p.m.—Excerpts from Ivor Novello's "The Dancing Years."
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.
9.45 p.m.—Boccherini—Concerto in B Flat Major.
Pau. Casals' (Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.
10.10 p.m.—Songs from Handel's "Oratorios."
10.30 p.m.—Dax—Tintagel.
New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.
10.44 p.m.—Dellus—Over The Hills and Far Away.
London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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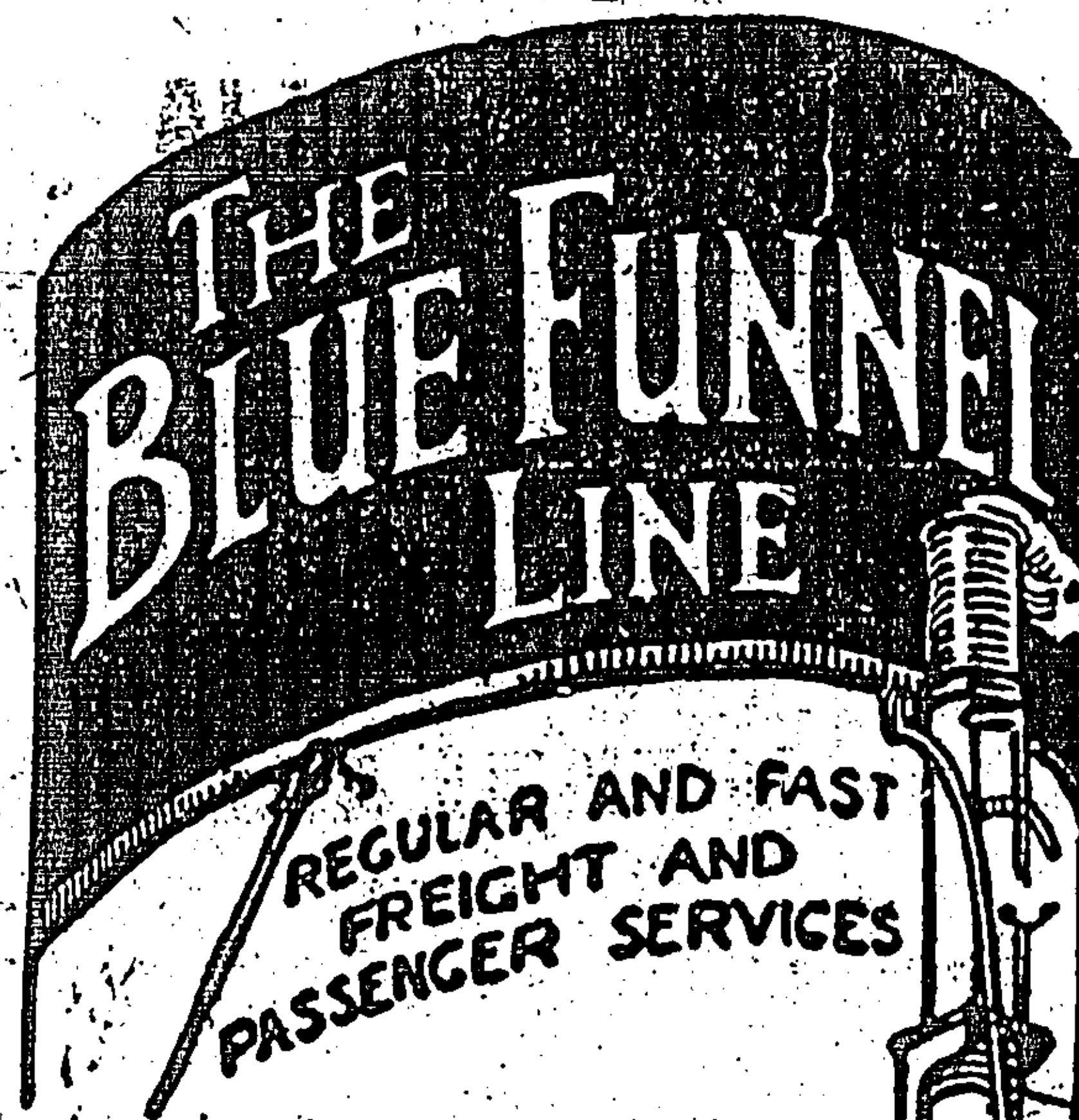
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MACAO RACES

MEADOW EVE WINS STEWARDS' CUP

Following are the results of the race meeting held at Macao yesterday:

1—"Ma Kau Shek Handicap" (1st Section)—Five Furlongs.
Radium Star, 153 lb. (S. C. Liang)
Heddon, 135 lb. (Chiu Kai Fan)
Dow Jones, 148 lb. (H. S. Chang)

Also ran:—Good Morning, 154 lb. (Hoo Pak Ming); Hopeful Time, 152 lb. (Raymond Pih); and King's Worthy, 151 lb. (L. B. Chao).
Time: 15.1; 45.3; 119.
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$12.20; Places 1st \$6.80; 2nd \$14.60; 3rd \$9.00.

2—"Park Kap Chow Handicap"—Half Mile.
Double Chance, 161 lb. (L. B. Chao)
Fel Ying, 151 lb. (Ip Kui Ying)
Plain View, 150 lb. (H. C. Pih)

3 starters. Won by: Many lengths.
Time: 30.4; 101.1.
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$6.20; Places 1st \$7.30; 2nd \$5.80; 3rd \$25.80.

3—"Ma Kau Shek Handicap" (2nd Section)—Five Furlongs.
King's Envoy, 156 lb. (Ip Kui Ying)
New Bedford, 168 lb. (L. B. Chao)
Old Fashioned, 140 lb. (H. S. Chang)

Also ran:—Gallant Marshall, 163 lb. (Chan Oi Wan); Mac's Adventure, 164 lb. (W. E. Grieve); National Anthem, 148 lb. (J. Nolasco); Persian Cat, 147 lb. (W. N. Yeh); Rose Day, 160 lb. (S. W. Pan); and Sunshine Susie, 152 lb. (Hoo Pak Ming).

9 starters. Won by 1 length: 1 1/2 lengths.
Time: 15.2; 46.1; 119.2.
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$24.20; Places 1st \$7.30; 2nd \$5.80; 3rd \$25.80.

4—"Ma Kau Shek Handicap"—Six Furlongs.
Victory Life, 155 lb. (K. Kwok)
Fairy Auk, 163 lb. (W. E. Grieve)
Courser Bleu, 140 lb. (Yeung Wing-sing)

Also ran:—Country Flower, 140 lb. (Chiu Kai Fan); Hohenfels, 139 lb. (L. Poon); and Merry Paddy, 152 lb. (G. W. Cooper).

6 starters. Won by: Many lengths.
Time: 31.4; 105.4; 141.2.
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$10.30; Places 1st \$3.20; 2nd \$3.20; 3rd \$8.70.
5—"The Stewards' Cup"—One Mile.
Meadow Eve, 151 lb. (L. B. Chao)
Shanghai 4, 155 lb. (G. W. Cooper)
Hogmanay, 144 lb. (Ip Kui Ying)
Also ran:—Fairy Ousel, 142 lb. (Yeung Wing Sing).

4 starters. Won by: Many lengths.
Time: 32.2; 107; 143.1; 221.3.
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$22.40; Places 1st \$6.20; 2nd \$5.60.
6—"Tal Sam Bar Handicap"—Six Furlongs.
Black Diamond, 152 lb. (W. N. Yeh)
Eagle, 153 lb. (Ip Kui Ying)
Sports Venture, 158 lb. (J. Nolasco)

Also ran:—Cloudy Star, 144 lb. (H. L. Poon); Cuban Love, 155 lb. (Yeung Wing Sing); Iron Knight, 163 lb. (W. E. Grieve); The Mermaid, 158 lb. (Chiu Kai Fan); and The Spirit of St. Louis, 148 lb. (G. W. Cooper).

8 starters. Won by: C Short head.
Time: 31.4; 105.4; 141.2.
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$36.20; Places 1st \$7.10; 2nd \$5.50; 3rd \$5.70.

SNATCHER GAOLED

Chan Cheuk, 25, unemployed, was charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Central Magistracy this morning with snatching a handbag from Miss Emily Ko, of No. 29, Shelly Street, in Des Voeux Road Central on Saturday. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Detective Sergeant F. Cochrane who prosecuted, said Miss Ko was walking near Prince's Building when defendant snatched her handbag containing \$53 in money, a wrist watch and a fountain pen. Defendant was chased and caught by Mr. Roy Lau, a id handed over to the Police.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and 16 strokes of the cane.

MACAO CASH SWEEPS RESULTS

Following are the results of cash sweeps of Macao Jockey Club race meeting yesterday:

Race No. 1
No. 55 \$319.80
" 184 91.30
" 92 45.60
Unplaced ponies (\$16.90 each): Nos. 6, 139, 263.

Race No. 2
No. 427 \$384.10
" 110 109.70
" 239 54.90

Race No. 3
No. 302 \$370.60
" 88 150.90
" 158 52.90
Unplaced ponies (\$9.80 each): Nos. 298, 110, 373, 421, 346, 82.

Race No. 4
No. 121 \$251.80
" 243 71.90
" 474 35.90
Unplaced ponies (\$13.30 each): Nos. 164, 457, 469.

Race No. 5
No. 8543 \$10,149.61
" 1435 2,899.89
" 8889 1,449.94
Unplaced ponies (\$179 each): Nos. 24376, 4671, 21509, 7327, 21676, 15812, 5189, 14051, 7682.

Race No. 6
No. 311 \$386.90
" 54 110.50
" 277 55.20
Unplaced ponies (\$12.20 each): Nos. 16, 110, 142, 178, 210.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

The following are the results of Home soccer matches played on Saturday:

SOUTH (REGIONAL)
Bristol City 2 Walsall 7
Coventry 7 Reading 7
Mansfield 2 Stoke 2
*Millwall 1 Crystal P. 1
Notts Forest 6 Leicester 6
W. Bromwich 4 Northampton 1
Brentford 1 Charlton 5
Cardiff 5 Birmingham 5
*Clapton 1 Southend 1
Fulham 0 Arsenal 1
*Tottenham 3 Chelsea 3
Watford 3 Aldershot 3
*Abandoned.

NORTH (REGIONAL)
Bury 0 Burnley 0
Chesterfield 5 Barnsley 1
Crewe 1 Rochdale 1
Doncaster 2 Bradford City 0
Leeds 5 Huddersfield 2
Lincoln 9 Sheffield U. 2
Liverpool 1 Blackburn 1
Manchester C. 5 N. Brighton 0
Newcastle 3 Middlesbro' 0
Oldham 2 M'chester U. 1
Everton 2 Everton 2
Rotherham 1 Grimby 0
Southport 4 Tranmere 1
Stockport 4 Chester 0
York 4 Hull 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Falkirk 5 Albion 5
Clyde 3 Motherwell 2
Dumbarton 3 St. Mirren 4
Hamilton 2 Hibernian 3
Hearts 4 Third Lanark 2
Morton 3 Partick 1
Queen's Park 0 Celtic 1
Rangers 2 Airdrie 0

—Reuter.
Since the competition is worked on a goal average, score at the time of abandonment is counted in the event of air raids.

POLES DO THE TRICK

THE SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON BOULOGNE, IN WHICH POLISH BOMBER SQUADRONS COOPERATED WITH R.A.F. UNITS, WAS THE FIRST RAID AGAINST THE ENEMY TO BE CARRIED OUT BY POLISH BOMBER CREWS OPERATING FROM BRITAIN.

The two squadrons from which the crew were drawn were formed only three weeks ago. Pilot, who took part in the night's raid are between 26 and 28 years of age and like members of their crews have all had previous fighting experience in the Polish air force.

Describing their raid on Boulogne an observer in one of the Polish bombers said: "Searchlight and A.A. opposition was very bit as bad as we had been led to expect but these aircraft of yours are good and we were able to evade most of it. We saw our bombs striking harbour works and bursting on basins and we came home very much happier than we had been for a long time."—British Wireless.

NATHAN RD. COMPLAINT

At the instance of Mr. W. Greenburg, of Chardhaven Hotel, Nathan Road, the manager of a rattan shop at No. 23, Nathan Road, ground floor, Mr. Tsang was summoned before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning for permitting to be made or causing a noise calculated to disturb or annoy the complainant at 11.30 p.m. on September 9. Accused pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Greenburg alleged that the shop employed a number of workmen, who made hammering noises from 8.05 p.m. until the arrival of a Chinese detective at 11.20 p.m., despite his personal request them to stop. The night watchman of the Hotel supported complainant's story.

The manager of the rattan shop denied the allegation, stating the workmen were only talking to each other and the hammering work was only done in the day time. The case was adjourned until Friday.

BROKE CHOLERA REGULATIONS

Eight Chinese women who were caught collecting shell fish at Cheungshawan seashore on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, contrary to the anti-cholera regulations, were each fined \$5 or one week's hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

The Magistrate warned that he would impose heavy fines in future cases.

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	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Shots	Shots	Up	Dn.	Pts
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	16	16	0	0	413	230	183	0	0	32	
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	15	13	2	0	318	247	71	0	0	26	
F. X. M. Silva (Rec. "A")	16	13	3	0	349	284	65	0	0	26	
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.)	16	11	4	1	346	277	69	0	0	23	
G. H. Sherriff (K.B.G.C.)	15	10	5	0	345	270	75	0	0	20	
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C.)	15	9	5	1	328	280	48	0	0	19	
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	14	9	5	0	288	252	36	0	0	18	
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C.)	16	8	6	2	340	277	63	0	0	18	
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	16	8	7	1	302	225	77	0	0	17	
E. Kern (K.C.C.)	14	7	6	1	275	299	0	24	15		
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	14	7	7	0	268	260	8	0	0	14	
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	14	7	7	0	291	309	0	18	14		
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	15	7	8	0	315	299	16	0	0	14	
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	12	5	4	3	233	215	18	0	0	13	
R. Basa (C.C.C.)	15	5	7	3	301	274	27	0	0	13	
H. A. Alves (Rec. "A")	12	6	6	0	256	209	47	0	0	12	
K. S. Robertson (H.K.F.C.)	13	6	7	0	255	271	0	16	12		
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	11	5	5	1	207	206	1	0	0	11	
F. J. Jones (C.S.C.C.)	11	5	5	1	215	226	0	11	11		
J. E. Noronha (Rec. "B")	13	5	7	1	251	257	0	6	11		
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	15	5	9	1	308	329	0	21	11		
H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	8	5	3	0	174	164	10	0	0	10	
F. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	13	4	7	2	231	290	0	59	10		
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	8	5	3	0	169	180	0	11	10		
G. Duncan (H.K.F.C.)	10	4	5	1	198	197	1	0	9		
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	6	3	1	2	114	108	6	0	8		
N. J. Bebbington (H.K.F.C.)	15	3	11	1	244	321	0	77	7		
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	4	3	1	0	88	66	22	0	6		
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	5	3	2	0	99	82	17	0	6		
J. McKelvie (K.D.R.C.)	9	3	6	0	163	175	0	22	6		
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	9	3	6	0	158	192	0	34	6		
J. Orem (P.R.C.)	7	2	4	1	119	153	0	34	5		
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	7	2	5	0	114	163	0	49	4		
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	10	2	8	0	188	215	0	27	4		
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	11	2	9	0	212	268	0	56	4		
L. A. Collyer (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	48	37	11	0	2		
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	38	38	0	0	2		
J. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	36	39	0	3	2		
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	3	1	2	0	58	64	0	6	2		
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	8	1	7	0	129	204	0	75	2		
J. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	2	1	52	68	0	16	1		
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	1	0	21	23	0	2	0		
L. Silva (Rec. "B")	1	0	1	0	18	21	0	3	0		
H. G. Wallington (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	9	24	0	15	0		
A. Spary (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	9	28	0	19	0		
G. C. Moss (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	14	37	0	23	0		
W. Dall (P.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	41	47	0	6	0		
G. Perkins (Police)	2	0	2	0	28	51	0	23	0		
C. Roza-Perelra (Rec. "B")	2	0	2	0	16	58	0	42	0		
W. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	5	0	5	0	69	142	0	73	0		

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Shots	Shots	Up	Dn.	Pts
A. J. Kew (K.T.)	16	12	4	0	335	273	62	0	24		
H. L. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.)	14	11	3	0	313	227	86	0	22		
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.)	15	10	5	0	344	263	81	0	20		
P. Youngusband (K.F.C.)	14	9	4	1	315	251	64	0	19		
W. McNeill (C.C.C.)	10	9	1	0	228	164	64	0	18		
J. L. Stephens (K.T.)	12	9	3	0	250	214	36	0	18		
J. C. Chalmers (T.C.)	14	9	5	0	306	247	59	0	18		
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	14	8	4	2	275	273	2	0	18		
O. P. Remédios (Rec.)	16	9	7	0	300	308	0	8	18		
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	13	8	5	0	292	239	53	0	16		
R. M. Keown (T.C.)	15	8	7	0	307	266	41	0	16		
D. Munro (T.C.)	15	8	7	0	307	285	22	0	16		
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	13	6	4	3	275	253	22	0	15		
E. de Souza (Rec.)	15	7	7	1	275	265	10	0	15		
A. A. Lewis (C.C.C.)	13	7	6	0	254	242	12	0	14		
A. Spary (K.C.C.)	9	6	3	0	184	156	28	0	12		
H. Drew (K.B.G.C.)	9	6	3	0	186	169	17	0	12		
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	14	6	8	0	281	268	13	0	12		
P. Yvanovich (Rec.)	11	5	5	1	214	226	0	12	11		
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	9	4	4	1	192	149	43	0	9		
R. R. Davies (H.K.C.C.)	8	4	4	0	142	138	4	0	8		
H. Gittins (K.T.)	10	4	6	0	189	211	0	22	8		
A. H. Basto (K.T.)	10	3	6	1	185	204	0	19	7		
S. Eccleshall (C.S.C.C.)	12	3	8	1	207	259	0	52	7		
T. Stainton (T.C.)	4	3	1	0	83	71	12	0	6		
V. Chittenden (K.F.C.)	7	3	4	0	128	137	0	9	6		
H. Overy (K.C.C.)	7	3	4	0	125	160	0	35	6		
B. E. Maughan (H.K.C.C.)	9	3	6	0	153	189	0	36	6		
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	10	3	7	0	171	220	0	49	6		
W. R. Hillyer (C.S.C.C.)	10	3	7	0	168	230	0	62	6		
L. Guy (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	1	1	88	70	18	0	5		
T. Lock (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	51	34	17	0	4		
A. Soutar (P.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	47	38	9	0	4		
G. C. Moss (K.C.C.)	3	2	1	0	80	40	40	0	4		
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	3	2	1	0	68	46	22	0	4		
W. Harrower (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	2	0	88	60	28	0	4		
A. Wright (P.R.C.)	4	2	2	0	80	77	3	0	4		
J. C. Aitken (Police)	4	2	2	0	71	82	0	11	4		
J. M. Jack (K.C.C.)	5	2	3	0	91	113	0	22	4		
R. Marks (K.C.C.)	7	2	5	0	135	154	0	19	4		
J. W. Macdonald (P.R.C.)	8	2	6	0	132	187	0	55	4		
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	11	1	9	1	184	241	0	57	3		
W. Hyde (K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	30	3	27	0	2		
J. Prentice (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	31	12	19	0	2		

OPEN PAIRS BOWLS

Omars In Semi-Final Through Late Rally Score 10 Shots at Last 5 Heads

Dowman & Channing Lose With Win In Sight

A BRILLIANT RALLY by the Omars at the last five heads, during which they scored 10 shots, enabled them to beat A. A. Razack and C. S. Rosset by 22 shots to 20 in the Quarter Final of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship at Kowloon Football Club yesterday.

At the 16th end Razack and Rosset were leading by 17 shots to 12 and were playing good bowls and it looked as if the former champions were to be beaten.

Omars scored a two at the next end and followed this up with a four to take the lead at 18-17. U. M. Omar was playing brilliantly.

With the score so close, the last three heads were played amidst excitement. Omars scored a single and followed this with a three to lead 22 shots to 17. Needing five to tie—an almost impossible task—Razack and Rosset scored a three at the last head.

Heads	U. M. Omar	A. A. Razack	C. S. Rosset
1	0	0	1
2	2	2	1
3	0	2	3
4	1	3	3
5	0	3	5
6	2	5	5
7	0	5	7

Police Pair Beaten

A fine finish at the last five heads, on each of which they scored, enabled Burling and Hakusen to reach the Semi-Final of the Open Pairs when they beat C. Dowman and F. E. Channing by 21-16.

There was very little difference in the score till the 16th head when the Police pair were leading by 16-13. They struck a bad patch after that and did not score at the next five heads.

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P.	W.	L.	T.	Shots		Shots		Pts
				F.	A.	Up	Dn.	
1	1	0	0	30	11	19	0	2
1	1	0	0	31	13	18	0	2
1	1	0	0	26	14	12	0	2
1	1	0	0	24	13	11	0	2
1	1	0	0	19	10	9	0	2
1	1	0	0	22	17	5	0	2
2	1	1	0	42	35	7	0	2
2	1	1	0	36	34	2	0	2
2	1	1	0	37	36	1	0	2
3	1	2	0	78	63	15	0	2
4	1	3	0	57	86	0	29	2
7	0	5	2	96	185	0	89	2
4	0	3	1	61	98	0	37	1
1	0	1	0	18	21	0	3	0
1	0	1	0	14	18	0	4	0
1	0	1	0	16	23	0	7	0
1	0	1	0	16	26	0	10	0
1	0	1	0	15	25	0	10	0
1	0	1	0	14	28	0	14	0
1	0	1	0	12	28	0	16	0
1	0	1	0	9	25	0	16	0
1	0	1	0	10	27	0	17	0
1	0	1	0	13	32	0	19	0
1	0	1	0	8	34	0	26	0
1	0	1	0	10	45	0	35	0
2	0	2	0	25	46	0	21	0
2	0	2	0	19	45	0	26	0
3	0	3	0	46	62	0	16	0
4	1	3	0	64	94	0	30	2
4	0	4	0	52	106	0	54	0
4	0	4	0	43	109	0	65	0

GOSCOMBE-O'SULLIVAN CUP BOWLS RESULTS

THE FIRST ROUND of the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Lawn Bowls Competition was played at Police Recreation Club yesterday and the results were as expected.

P.W.D. "B" had a close tussle with the C.S.O. and only won by one shot, scored at the last head.

P.W.D. 'C' v Prison 'B'

In a low scoring game P.W.D. "C" ousted Prison "B" by 18 shots to 13 after leading throughout the game.

Prison were led at the 14th by 14-6, but scored three twos and a single in the course of the remaining heads to lose by only five shots.

The winners, who scored on 11

heads, had two threes during the game.

P.W.D. "C"	Prison "B"
W. A. Cornell	S. Hodges
B. H. Bond	G. Foster
B. A. Mansell	C. Gowland
A. Spary (Skip)	W. J. Bagley (Skip)

P.W.D. 'D' v Education

The game between P.W.D. "D" and Education Department was evenly contested till the 15th head. Both teams were level at 11-all at the 12th head, and 14-all at the 15th. Education Department scor-

ed on five of the six remaining heads—with a four at the 19th head—to win by eight shots.

The losers scored a five at the 10th end and scored on only eight heads.

P.W.D. "D"	Education Dept.
E. Casey	H. H. Boddy
C. E. Moore	C. G. Solis
G. S. Graver	H. J. Wallington
A. Brooksbank (Skip)	N. J. Bebbington (Skip)

C.S.O. v P.W.D. 'B'

P.W.D. "B" were fully extended by C.S.O. and won by 23 shots to 22 as the result of a single scored at the last head.

The losers opened the scoring with a brace but did not score on the next four heads, while their opponents, with a six on the second head, were leading at the fifth head by 13 shots to 2.

At the eighth head they had increased the lead to 16-4. The

losers then rallied, scored a four at the next end and at the 13th end were on level pegging at 16-all. A three at the 19th head gave them the lead at 22-21 but P.W.D. scored two singles at the remaining ends to score a narrow win.

C.S.O.	P.W.D. "B"
E. L. Strange	M. J. Macfayden
Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith	J. Dobson
B. I. Bickford	P. Morgan
J. Watson (Skip)	G. E. Stephens (Skip)

Prison 'A' v Medical 'B'

Leading from the start, Medical "B" beat Prison "A" comfortably by 23 shots to 12, though it was only in the latter stages of the game that the winners amassed their score, for nine shots were scored at the last four heads, which included a four at the last. The losers scored at only seven heads and registered a four at the sixth.

Prison "A"	Medical "B"
W. E. Webber	V. H. Freeman
J. W. Hudson	J. Skinner
J. McCutcheon	L. A. Collyer
A. Jillett (Skip)	T. M. Fife (Skip)

Police 'B' v Medical 'A'

One of the biggest wins of the day was scored by Medical "A" when they beat Police "B" by 28 shots to 19.

Starting off with a four, a single and a two, Medicals were leading by seven shots before the Police scored a single.

A three at the sixth, followed by a four, brought them on level terms at 8-all, but Medicals drew away and scored a five at the 11th end, and at the 13th head were leading by 17-11.

The losers then scored a six at the next end to level the scores again, but were only able to score two singles for the rest of the game, while the winners finished with a two, two threes and a single.

Police "B"	Medical "A"
W. Howell	F. P. Anslow
A. N. Other	A. Steven
J. MacDonald	I. Newton
J. Shepherd (Skip)	J. F. MacGowan (Skip)

POLICE EXTEND EASTERN

POLICE DID WELL IN THEIR FRIENDLY FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST EASTERN AT BOUNDARY STREET YESTERDAY TO LOSE BY ONLY THE ODD GOAL IN FIVE.

Eastern were without several of their regular players, while Police brought in several players from the Junior team.

Eastern's forward line was good, but their defence was shaky under pressure and the absence of Tsang Chung-wan and Kong Sing-king, the backs, was badly felt.

Wong Chung in goal was not impressive in his handling and only the hard work of Hsu King-seng and Lau Chi-chan, in the intermediate line, prevented Police from scoring often.

Chang Kam-hoi and Hau Ching-to were the pick of Eastern's attack. The former distributed well, while the latter needed continual watching. On the right wing Chung Yung-sum sent over some good centres.

Gordon, promoted from the Juniors, showed good form for Police and his dash made him a dangerous forward. He was well supported by his inside men, Howlett and Ferrier.

Moss was the better of the Police wingers and centred well.

North Good

North was the pick of Police intermediate line and had Chung Yung-sum well covered while Parker in the pivotal position distributed well and sent good passes to his forwards.

Taylor, in goal, was severely tested and brought off numerous saves. His height was a great asset.

Eastern opened the score through Chang Kam-hoi but Gordon equalised soon after. Shortly before the interval Chang Kam-hoi again placed Eastern in the lead.

The second half was evenly contested and ten minutes from time Fung Kwan-sing scored to increase the lead for Eastern. Gordon reduced the lead for Police in the last minute from a pass from Moss.

EASTERN—Wong Cheung-sam; Chan Yuen-fat and Chu Po-wan; Lau Chi-chang, Hsu King-sing and Yu Hop-hing; Chung Yung-sum, Foo Chak-pun, Cheung Kam-hoi, Fung Kwan-sing and Hau Ching-to.

POLICE—Taylor, Pope and Chan Kwong-yu; Pope (Mak Hon-fan), Parker and North; Wong Man-kuai, Howlett, Gordon, Ferrier, and Moss.

Police Juniors Trounced

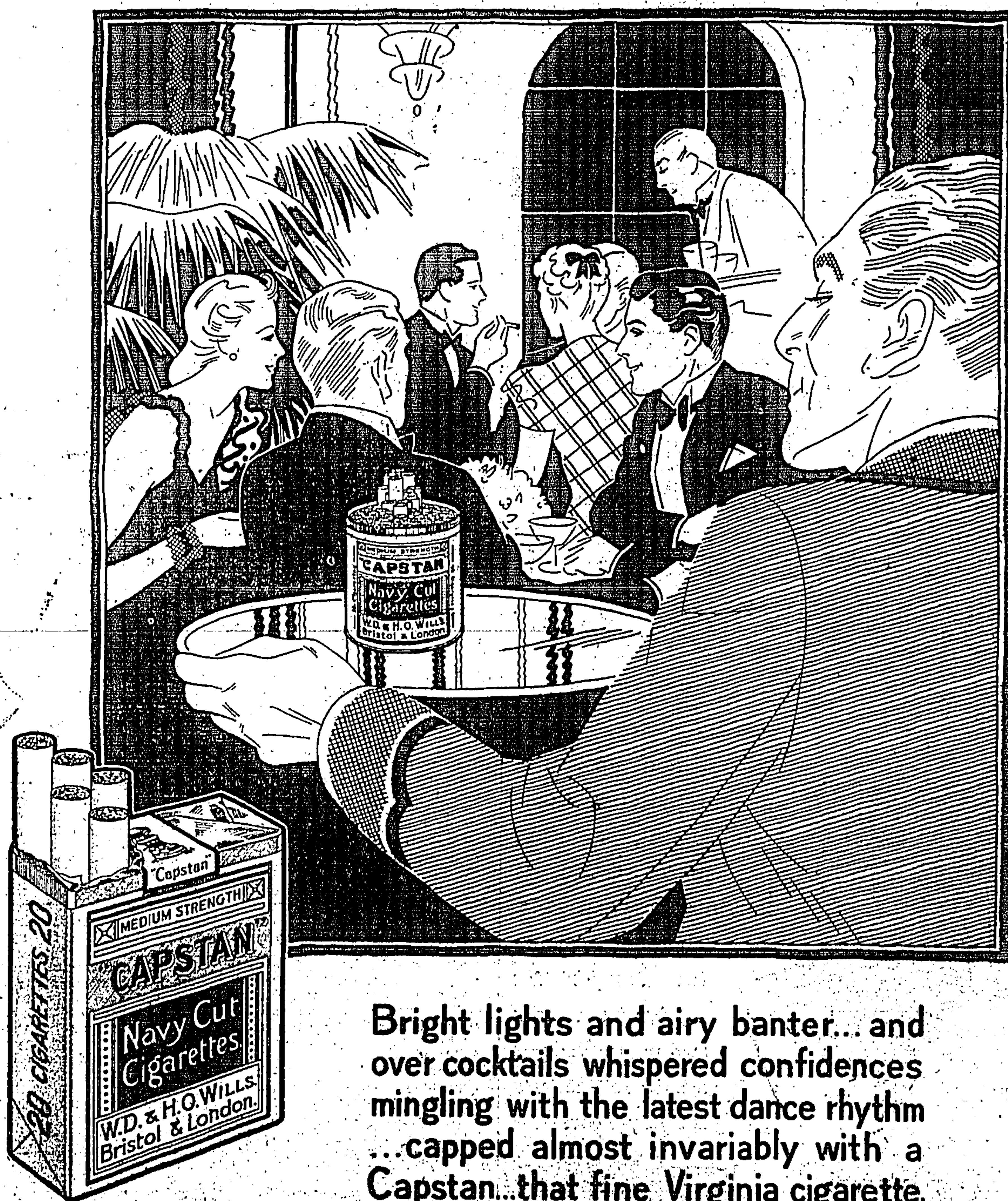
Police Juniors were badly beaten by Royal Air Force in a friendly soccer game at Boundary Street yesterday by 9 goals to 2.

Air Force scored their goals through Butty (4), Mansfield (2), Richardson (2) and Souby, while Kong Hing registered both goals for Police.

TULSA TROUNCED BY CHUNG HWA

Before a poor crowd at Caroline Hill yesterday, Chung Hwa beat U.S.S. Tulsa by 14 runs to 9 in a charity baseball game in aid of the War Funds.

Chung Hwa team was composed mostly of junior players and scored seven of their runs in the fourth inning.



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EGYPT INVASION STARTS

Italians Cross Frontier In Three Columns

GERMAN IN 40 LESSONS A BEST SELLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Life in Paris to-day is no different from life in any other large city in France, for the same restrictions imposed by the armistice exist there as anywhere else, according to the "Petit Parisien" yesterday quoting a traveller from Paris.

Most foodstuffs are sold in Paris without ration cards although distribution is limited at the wholesale source to prevent hoarding.

Generally life in Paris is returning to normalcy. Traffic is free and the Underground is working as usual. The bicycle is very popular owing to the shortage of petrol. German soldiers and civilians wear armbands and German military patrols are distinguished by their white armbands. Cinemas enjoy good business in pre-war films and the famous Montparnasse cafes are much in vogue.

The publishing business is not organised in view of lack of paper, and the best seller is a manual in the German language "German in forty lessons."—Havas.

THE TYPHOON

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is centred over Manchuria and covers China and Japan.

The typhoon is situated about 400 miles south-west of the Bonins, moving north-west.

'Situation Well In Hand'

BY "CAPTURING" SOLLUM, THE ITALIANS HAVE CROSSED THE FRONTIER INTO EGYPT, REPORTS A CAIRO OBSERVER. IT IS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF EGYPTIAN TERRITORY.

The Italians, in three fairly long lines with a certain amount of protection from armoured fighting vehicles, occupied Sollum and are now on the high escarpment running a slight way in from the coast.

At this stage, it is not possible to say if this is the first move of an attack on Egypt proper, but it is a clear violation of Egyptian territory. It cannot yet be called an attack, as the Italians have not attacked anything. They are faced with a wide, open and nearly empty space for some distance.

Whether the Italians were expecting it or not, they found nothing. No defence was put up, but illusive charges by speedy British tanks are harassing the enemy columns. The main body of British troops is "somewhere else" and is completely ready.

Deserted Village

To-day, the Italians have found one thing that they apparently did not realise before—that the Sollum which they have called a military and a naval base and which they have bombed and shelled unceasingly since June is nothing more than a deserted partly ruined village of no value at all.

The British never have held Sollum. When he himself visited the village some weeks ago, he found one inhabitant—a

lonely dog which howled in the dust. Even the typewriter from the Italian Vice-Consul's office was taken away long ago by the British Army for its own use.

Yet the Italians have been making fierce attacks on it for weeks past.

Dangerous Path

The Italians are now on the only practicable route down from the escarpment to the plains. If the Italians wish to advance along the coast road towards the east they must use this dangerous path, although their position on the escarpment enables them to command the first few miles of the coastal plains.

They may try to push forward to where they think the main British troops are. To do that, they have to cross a barren desert, with no water and no food in it.

They will be subjected to intensive aerial bombing. They will be harassed by our very superior tank and armoured forces. They may possibly be shelled from the sea.

The position may be summed up as this:—

The Italians have invaded Egypt. It is not correct to call it an attack on Egypt because so far they have not met anything so attack—but somewhere between Cairo and the escarpment, 350 miles of desert, British troops are ready and waiting.

In the words of the official communique:—"The situation is well in hand."—Reuter.

Italian Version

Yesterday's Italian communique claimed that Italian advanced units crossed the border between Cyrenaica and Egypt and engaged the enemy in lively combat.

Italian aviation, it was added, was giving full support, bombing and machine-gunning the enemy forces from a low altitude.

A communique in Cairo states that the penetration of Italian forces into the desert area evacuated by the British, continues.

Italians Suffer Heavily

Camps are being constructed in the neighbourhood of Birruh, seven miles south of Sollum.

The enemy has already exposed himself to severe handling by aircraft and armoured fighting vehicles and a column descending to the coastal plain at Halfaya has suffered heavily by artillery fire.

While our casualties continue to be insignificant the enemy is believed to have lost many men and vehicles.—Reuter.

Rattling?

The Italian occupation of Sollum, it was stated in London yesterday, was not considered of sufficient military importance to bring Egypt into the war though there was a natural feeling of concern in some quarters.—Reuter.

REUTER MANAGER LEAVES

Mr. W. O'Neill, local manager of Reuter's News Agency, left yesterday on a short business trip to Shanghai.

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STOP PRESS

German bombers were brought down in London yesterday at Victoria, Kensington and Streatham.—Reuter.

ONE OF THE R.A.F.'S GREATEST DAYS

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Medway and Thames Estuary. Many of them turned away.

They fought the survivors again over London itself, squadron after squadron of fighters flying fresh into action. Finally they chased them back again and out over the Channel.

A squadron of Hurricanes which destroyed nine enemy began their fight over London and ended up over the cliffs at Hastings.

Roughly Handled

Another squadron chased a group of enemy bombers from Hammersmith to Beachy Head, shooting down five enemy planes on the way.

A formation of Hurricanes which caught some enemy coming up the Thames handled them so roughly that one pilot said afterwards he thought it very unlikely that any of the bombers would reach home.

Five Dorniers were definitely shot down and most of the others badly damaged and when the remaining bombers began their flight to the coast they were no longer a formation, but merely the centre of a general melee through which Spitfires and Hurricanes were flying at will, choosing whichever target pleased them.—Reuter.

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